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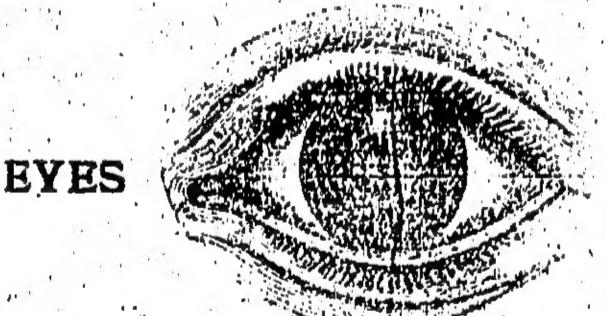
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MR. H. M. RIDLEY ON THEIR ABOLITION

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and perhaps in the East changes and disinto a reservoir.

Colonial produce. All this was effected in the first year of his work.

WATERFALL VALLEY.

The ground of the waterfall valley had been a quarry and was covered with lalang and huge blocks of stone, giving it a most hopeless appearance and an immense amount of labour was required to get it into the semblance of garden. But Mr. Curtis was a man full of energy and skill as a landscape gardener and was not to be daunted by difficulties. In a surprisingly short time, the laland was exterminated, the stones removed, the stream bridged in several places, plant houses and ponds made, and an extensive collection of rare and beautiful plants

Meanwhile, during his excursion in the forests of Panang, the Dingings, Perak and Lankawi, he collected specimens for the herbarium, and for the Garden, and the great number of plants associated with his name attest to his success in this direction. He possessed indeed the greatest skill not only in discovering but in importing alive and of the Royal Asiatic Society and a Latin-Malay cultivating plants worthy of the admiration of all lovers of nature. A garden for trees was al formed by him at Kubang Ulu in Province Wellesley, chiefly for roadside and forest trees periments and observations on rubber, gutta for planting out in the province, in 1887, and proved very useful for some time, but was a length abandoned.

The experimental pursery towards the top of the Government Hill was intended for attempting to acclimatise European fruits, clives, ap- Society for his contributions to botanical ples and peaches is lemons and many other trees were planted there, and the last two mentioned produced good fruit. The olives formed large bushy trees, but did not fruit. It was found, however, that this altitude, rather over 2,000 feet, was not high enough for European fruits and this little garden was not kept up beyond 18)8 At the top of the Hill was small garden where flowers and vegetables were cultivated for the use of people occupying the Governor's bungalow, pess, leeks, kobirabi, new potatoes, carrots, etc., were grown here with great success, although the available space was small and all manure had to be carried up Masseur by hand. Rose, carnations and other European flowers were also cultivated here, and numbers of Burmese orchids were planted on the trees. *

PICTURESOUE.

The waterfall gardens soon became the admiration of all visitors to Panang, and Mr. J. H. Veitch, of Messrs, Veitch and Sons, in his Traveller's Notes, written in 1896, gives an excellent account of what he saw in his visit there, a description too long to reprint. Axel Preyer, in his Indo-Malayishe Streifzuge, published in 1903, says Der Garten ist zwar nur klein aber gut gehalten und zeigt in seinem Orchideen und Falmen charakterische former der Malayischen Flora, Auch die Ganz Aplage un Englischen Parkstil gehalten bietet reisvoll-

The soil of the gardens was poor and sandy but in spite of such difficulties many fine and rare trees and shrubs were successfully grown while the plant houses, beautifully kept and stocked with, indigenous, and exotic plants, were highly admired. In one spot grew probably the biggest Grammatophyllum speciosum in cultivation anywhere. It measured fortythree feat round, and in the season produced a great abundance of flowers on racemes over seven feet tall.

The situation of the garden, a valley surrounded with magnificent forest-clad hills, and the waterfall and picturesque Indian shrine at the further end produced a series of vistas unequalled by any garden in the East. It was, of course, the greatest, one might say the only. attraction in Penang to the traveller, and in spite of its distance from the town was visited by hosts of visitors from all parts of the globe. The King of Siam, on his sare visits to Penang, pever failed to drive to the Gardens, and to inspect them under the guidance of Mr. Curtis CONDOLUNCE.

But in about 1900, a scheme for converting them into a reservoir to increase the supply of water to Penang town was talked 12 about, and as from that date it was uncertain whether at any minute the work of destruction would not commence, it was not considered worth while to continue planting out valuable or rare trees to be destroyed immediately. But now, after an uncertainty of ten years, it has been decided that the ground is required for a reservoir, and the abandonment and destruction of this beautiful garden is practically an accomplished fact. We can only condole with Penang on the loss of its only attraction.

As the Gardens are so intimately connected I with Mr. Cartis it may not be out of place here

to give some account of his history. Mr. Charles Curtis was born in 1854 and was employed at Mesers. Veitch's nurseries at Chelses in 1874. Four years later, he was relected by the firm to go to the East on an important mission in search of plants for cultivation. "His first trip was to Mauritius and Madagascar, whence he sent home the handsome pitcher plant, Nepenthes madagascarionsis, and quantities of the Nothing lasts for very long in this world, beautiful Angrocums of that country. After a year he returned to England, and was sent appearances are more frequent than elsewhere, in 1880, to the Malay Archipelago, where he Still we must view many of these with regret, explored Borneo, Sumatra, Java and the and this feeling will be felt by all horticulturists | Moluccas and sent home very many grand and admirers of the beautiful in all parts of the novelties. The main object of this expediworld on learning of the abolition of the world. tion was to obtain the fine pitcher plant famed Gardens of Penang which, on the retire- Nepenthes Northians, only known at that ment of Mr. Fox, who has occupied the post of time from a drawing by Miss North, Its actual superintendent of the Gardens since the habitat was unknown till after much search. retirement of Mr. Curtis in 1903, will be Mr. Curtis rediscovered it in Borneo and suchanded over to the Municipality to convert cessfully introduced it into cultivation. After sending home his collections he went to Pon-The Gardens, which are the third founded, tianak in search of Phaloenopsis violaces, then and abolished since the settlement of Penang very rare in England, but after collecting for a by Capt. Light, in 1786, were instituted by Mr. | month he had a mishap with a boat, and lost Cantley, Superintendent of the Botanic Gar- all his collections had baggage and narrowly dens of Singapore, in 1884, and Mr. Gurtis, escaped with his life. During his Eastern exappointed Assistant Superintendent of Forests | peditions he introduced to European Gardens took over his appointment in July 1884, and | very many ornamental plants and among those immediately set to work with much energy. associated with his name are Nepenthes Cuttisii, He started a forest tree nursery and an experi- Cyprepedium Curtisii, Medevellaa Curtisii, mental nursery and laid out the waterfall gar- Rhododendron tricolor var Curtisii, the latter den which was intended to be a garden for | being one of the parents of a large series of the superb hybrid-Rhododendrons now cultivated in the hot house of European Gardens (Hortus Veitchianus). In 1884, he accepted the post of assistant superintendent of the Penang Forests and the Gardens, where he remained till 1903. when illness, no doubt, induced by his hard labours in Madagascar and the East Indies in the cause of botany and borticulture, compelled his retirement to England. He returned to Devoushire, his former home, and is occupying himself in the cultivation and improvement of

roses, sweet peas, tomatos and other plants, Duting his superintendence of the Penang Gardens, he did not confine his attentions to borticulture only. His collections of herbarium specimens were very valuable and contributed largely to the knowledge of the flora of the Malay Poninsula, His name is associated with a vary large number of plants discovered by him in his expeditions.

Besides the ordinary reports, and accounts of expeditions he published a list of the plant of Penang in the Journal of the Straits Branch list of plant names in the same Journal. He also wrote a number of articles on agriculture in the Bulletin, chiefly dealing with his expercha, and many other economics. The foundation of the series of agricultural exhibitions on a large and more general scale than they were formerly held was due to his. initiative. He was made a fellow of the Lineau.

Mr. Ridley also dips into history with a valuable general account of the gardens of the peninsula, which we propose to reproduce in a sphiequent issue.

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RUSSIAN ALARMISTS. ALLEGED RECONNOITRING BY JAPANESE

DIRICIBLES Quite a crop of allegations and rumours to carding supposed Japhnese espionage in F sian Far Eastern territory have appeared in Russian contemporaries during the past few mouths. The following communication from Viad voitok to the Ulrennay's Rossigal traus-

lated by the Jopan Chronicle, is an interesting.

case in point :-"The commander of the fort here has issued sa Ordinance reminding the inhabitants of the laws relating to the population in fortified z mes in time of war, and warning them as to. the regulations they must submit to in the event of war. The Japanese have begun to Carry out all isl reconnoiting in the Usauri district by means of dirigibles, which have been objetved in various places-among others, over the city of Nikolsk-Ussuriisk. The desence of the frontier on our side has been, strengthened. Persons arriving from Shangbai say that everybody there is expecting war to break out at the beginning of spring. The position everywhere in the Far East is alarming in the extreme. In Marchurla, which provides our eternally starving Friamurie with bread, the prices of wheat, barley (used in the .Far East for feeding horses, onts not being cultivated here), and buck-wheat have risen considerably. Steamers with military supplies are expected from Russia."

Public Companies

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1910.

THE SILVER DUTY.

The gradual recovery in the price of silver after the severe slump last month following increased duty on the white metal by the Indian Government, once again draws attention to the question of exchange which affects all interests alike in the Colony. In Calcutta there was a strong feeling among the Marwari community against the duty and a leading merchant was of opinion that this duty would tell upon the poor people of India as they were the principal buyers. The market would be low on account of the duty, because firms who had ready stocks would try to sell with profit. When the stocks was about Lijo. in India have been decreased there is every chance of the market becoming steady. Those dealers who have sold silver with duty for future delivery will suffer a great deal both in Calcutta and Bombay. Business will remain dull at present until the silver stock decreases. From an Indian contemporary we gather that opinion amongst merchants in Bombay and especially those particularly interested in the bullion market is unanimous in condemning the new tax on silver. The silver market has been much disturbed and it is hardly possible at present to foresee what the effect will be, but European and Indian merchants combine in the opinion that not only is the tax one which will prejudice trade, and one that has been imposed at a most inopportune moment, but that by its failure to give any notice of an impost of

has inflicted a severe injustice upon the commercial community generally. As to wha Government may find it necessary to do in the near future there seems, however, to be some division of opinion. In some quarters i is considered that as Government has accepted the necessity of a standard value of silver and has fixed it at 18, 4d. for the rupee, it will very probably find it needful to increase the import duty next year. More hopeful views, however, obtain elsewhere and amongst other circles it is regarded as possible that Government may reconsider the increase of duty; while, at least, it is thought that any silver which had not been shipped at the date of the Financial Statement's introduction | guard stations in the United Kingdom. They will be exempted. The latter, however, will be only a slight mitigation, and will do little to relieve the anxiety of those interested in the milling interest as to the effect which the duty will have upon their trade. 'Depreciation of silver, combined with the high prices of cotton, which at present prevail in local markets, cannot help, it is felt, but materially to reduce profits. At the same time the rates of exchange, with China must be affected and as the latter is the one country in the world where cheap silver is most easily obtainable, Bombay exporters were a point of view, it is stated" that the tax does to be one foot six inches in length. an injustice to natives of moderate or small means who turn their savings into the medium of silver. What is regarded as the worst feature of the new proposals is the entire lack of notice of them, and especially their retrospective effect. It has been suggested that the validity of the new rate on consignments which had been shipped before Feb. 25th, the Budget day, should be tested by legal proceedings, but such action was not encouraged by the most responsible firms among the Indian trading our contemporary is only surprised that somecommunity. What is regarded as a more reasonable proposal is that to petition Government to nullify the retrospective action of the tax, instancing the case of the Indian Specie Bank, which has been suddenly called upon to pay-about two lakhs of rupees on a consignment which has just arrived. It is also pointed out that if the principle of, imposing retrospective taxation is maintained severe dislocation of business will be caused every year as the time for the Budget Statement approaches. As far as the import trade is concerned it will mean an entire

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Chinese New-Year, another disturbing factor

will be introduced into the trade between

Hongkong and Bombay, especially in that

important commodity, cotton yarn.

MR. Melville Stone, the executive chief of the Associated Press: of America, was received in audience by the Emperor of Japan on 19th

FOR stealing a quantity of old copper and brass fittings, a Chinese was awarded six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks at the Magistracy this morning.

A LONDON wire of the 6th inst, says:-The Consolidated Rubber and Produce Investment Corporation is shortly to be floated; with capital of £1,000,000.

TWENTY camblers appeared to the Police Court this morning and were each fined Se with the exception of the keeper of the den on whom a fine of \$25 was imposed.

INSPECTOR Collect this morning, charged a Chinaman with the alleged murder of a compatriot at Shau-ki-wan. The case was formally remanded, no evidence being taken.

ONE hundred dollars or two months' hard labour was the penalty it flicted on a native in the Police Court this morning for importing morphia into the Colony. The fine was not

A PARTY of American tourists left Shanghai on 20th inst. by the steamer Kiangyang for the announcement of the imposition of an Hankow, ou route to Peking and the north of Chins, where they are to spend a few weeks sight-sector, '

> ACCORDING to the Customs returns just issued, in lanuary last, 2,506 cwts. of rabber, valued at R1,347,320, were exported from Ceylon, agains 1,202 cwts, valued at R479,775, during the same month in 1909.

> DURING an inquest at Holborn on a news paper seller named Partridge, of Gray's Inn-Road, it was stated that three bank-books were found in his room. The amount of his savings

An official intimation has been received by the Jap nese Government that an American' Vsiatic Squadron has been formed by combining the first and second divisions of the Pacific Squadron. "

THE Bolonga Commercial College of Bolonga and the Industrial College of Milan have decided to reduce their face by one half for Chinese students, as an inducement to young Chinese to go to Italy to study.

MESSRE Liu Hang Shang, Tang Hung Kai. and Tang Hung Ku have been appointed public vaccinators within the Colony and the New Territories.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by Captain Thomas Skinner of his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, and has permitted him to retain his rank and wear the uniform of the such an important character the Government | Corps on retirement.

THE latest American invention is a self-lighting cigarette. The iguiter takes the form of a small disc on the cigntette paper, and is set alight when rubbed on the cigarette box. This cigarette can be readily lighted in a very strong

THE contracts issued by the Admiralty for the the Stock Exchange, It is expected that America and other countries will follow Great Britain's lead.

ping on February 26 several speakers protested against the reduction of the number of coastattributed several wrocks to the scarcity of as, R.N., and A. F. Davies (manager). coast-guards.

THE Japanese population in Kwantung district and the leased territory along the South Manchuria Railway at the end of last month was 53,680, residing in 15,575 houses. Of the number mentioned 22,560 were in Daiten and 7:843 in Port Arthur.

THE swords for the use of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, as the Commander-in-Chief Princes, are being forged in the Arsenal of the placed at a disadvantage. From another Ministry of War in Tientsin,. The swords are

> IT is officially appounced that Mr. Roosevelt will deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford University on May 18th. This is the only engagement definitely arranged for his visit to England, but he is promised a busy time if he accepts all of the invitations extended.

> THE Malay Mail thinks that the decision the exchange banks in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur only to buy bills against rubber shares on a filty per cent, margin is a sound one, and thing of this nature has not been done before.

RULES and regulations made by the Harbour Master of Hongkong for the proper conduct and guidance of pilots, under The Pilots' Ordinance, 1904, (Ordinance No. 3 of 1904), and approved by His excellency the Governor on withholding of orders during the latter part of the 22nd day of March, 1913, are published in January each year, and in this connection, the Gazette. as it synchronises with the advent of the

> A TOKIO despatch of 20th inst. says:-The joint conference on the tariff between the Government and the Sciyukai has been concluded; and the amendments moved in the House of Representatives, enhancing the duties on rice and indigo, have been revised. The Diet closes on the 24th instant.

> A TAIREH dispatch states that an expedition led by Mr. Noro, an expert in the Formosan Government, has returned there after having ascended Mount Gokwan. Although the explorers encountered severe hardship on account of snow, they succeeded in reaching the summit, i 3,000 feet above sea level.

> THE half-yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Toyo Kison Kaisha will be held on the 30th instant at 2 p.m. in the Nihonbashi Club, Tokyo, to discuss the report and accounts for the second half of last year. Tokyo papers suggest that a storing scene will be witnessed at the meeting, in view of the fact; that the company has incurred a very heavy loss during the last half year.

> IT is reported says the Nagasaki Press, that the Mitsu Bishi Company is building large paper mills in Formosa, and will be ready to commence operations in October. A great portion of the building material and plant is being supplied by the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard. The output is expected to be ten tons of coarse paper and 25 tons of wood pulp per day; the mills will act as feeders for the company's mills at Takasago, near Kobe...

SOME time ago, we gave particulars of a big concession to work the gutta jelutong foreste in Dutch East Borneo by American capitalists, who had financed a syndicate in Holland, which took up the scheme. 'The Java Government favoured the idea, and granted the concession under certain conditions which aimed at safeguarding the natives. The conditions laid down aroused objections from the syndicate, upon which the Government decided to make inquiries on the subject on the spot. Commis- King Hee, the Viceroy of Yunnan, will sioners have been despatched thither for the purpose, They will afterwards proceed to Sarawak, where the Syndicate, says the Java Bode, is carrying on the jelutong business on large scale.

MR. H. B. Pike left Kobe yesterday evening. 4th inst, says the Jupan Chrontill, by the Prinzest Alicechy, his way to Amoy, where he goes to take up the managership of the branch of the Hougkong and Shanghai Bank there. Though Mr. Pike has only been in Kobe for about two years and a half, occupying the pos of accountant at the Bank, his stay hav been coincident with one of the most serious financial crises which the port has passed through and he is generally credited with no small share in the successful endeavours made to minimise its effects. In a private capacity Mr. Pike, takes with him the good wishes of a large circle of friends made during his stay in Japan. By the same steamer Mrs. Pike and her little son left for England, where they go for a visit prior to Mrs. Pike loining her husband at his new post.

HONGKONG HOTBL GO., LD.

HALF YEARLY MEETING,

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of sharebolders of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld., wan held at the Company's Hotel, this afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of acsupply of oil instead of coal as fuel for warships counts to the 31st December, 1909, with the been touched upon in the present series have resulted in a small boom, in oil shares on report of the directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the meeting. The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne (chairman of directors) presided. There were also present :- Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. W. Hutton AT a meeting of the British Chamber of Ship- Potts, J. W. C. Bonnar (directors), Messrs. She Po Sham, A. Turner, F. Maitland, P. C. Potts, Arnold, Lai Chau, Fung Tat Hung, E. D. Haskell, H. W. Looker, Lieut, C. Lloyd Thom-

meeting. .The Chairman said :- The report and accounts will, with your consent, be taken as read. They come before you somewhat later than usual owing, I regret to say, to the illness of our Secretary. The profit on working account is, I think, not unsatisfactory | subject to impositions considering the disadvantageous circumstances under which, during re-building operations, the business of the Hotel is being conduct- object ought, on the other hand, to have been ed: and but for certain exceptional payments, of the Empire, and for the various Imperial the results of the balf year would have activity that came into being. That the what may be termed the legitimate business of cial interference, with the added advantage a hotel, viz., the accommodation of travellers, of cheap rentals, shows that the acquirement completion of the south block, with its imposing | levies under which they suffered from officialarray of shop fronts, its spacious and bond. dom was resented to the straining point, sume reception rooms, and its appointments which your directors planned; and placed IT is understood that Mr. Tan Chay Yau has before you some years ago, and which was, manufacturers are interested have much imgiven 515,000, in his fatuer's name, towards unwisely I think, rejected by the shareholders proved of late; and at the present day there is the cost of a museum in connection with the of that time, but worthy at any rate to rank no doubt on which side the balance of influence Straits and F. M. S. Medical School. Other amongst the best of botel puildings in Eastern

Chinese are giving donations to cover the cost Asia. I hope, indeed I believe, that the the Chinese traders of Canton are showing a of a complete set of instruments for the school. acquisition of this building will not only give | decided inclination more and more to transfer satisfactory results to Hotel shareholders, but their smaller industries to Hongkong. With will benefit the Colony generally, in that the opening up of the tourists, parsuaded by its comforts, will be inclined to linger amongst us longer than has hitherto been their custom.

There were no questions. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. A. Turner seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. Maitland moved that Dr. J. W. Noble be re-elected director.

Mr. P. C. Potts seconded.

Agreed wem con. Mesars. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. Arnold seconded by Mr. E. D. Haskell.

The Chairman;-Thank you, gentlemen, for your atendance. Dividend warrants can be held on application at the office below. The meeting then ended.

CANTON DAY BY WAR.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

GPIUM LICENCES.

Centon, 24th March.

The licences issued to opium smokers have been made of wooden boards measuring 18 by 16 inches each. As these broads could not be concealed in their persons, some of the opium smokers split their licences into two or three pieces, which they put away to their pockets when proceeding to buy oplum. The Government Anti-opium Eureau discovering this clever rase has now given orders to have the opium licences made of tin plate instead of wood, for distribution in future. Ninety thousand such tin-plate licences have been ordered by the Anti-optum Bareau from a tiasmith's in the city.

GERMAN MINISTER. Among the passengers who arrived here in the alternoon of the 23rd instant on board the steamer. Heungshan was Count von Rex, the new German Minister, who is on his way to Fexing.

LIKIN COLLECTIONS. The collection of Likin dues in. Canton during the first ten days of this moon; as reported by the Likin officials to the Viceroy, rinounted

to 52,741.5.8 taels. CANTON VICEROYALTY.

A rumour is current to official circles to the effect that the present Viceroy of the Two Kwang provinces, H.R. Yuan Shu Hsun, wil be transferred to Yunone, and that H.E. Li appointed Viceroy of the Two Kwang provinces.

. THE THIRD DEGREE. It has been reported that the Pad Yu Magistrate, Young Shu Ki, having sailed to comply with the law in exercising tor.ure to extort evidence from a woman some time pgo, the Canton Belf-government Bociety has brought the matter to the notice of the Kwangchow Prefect and asked him to deal severely deal with Magistrate Young for his illegal action, as torture is not now allowed.

IT is understood that the issue of debentures by the Kanegaluchi Spinning Company to the amount of Y3,000,000, which was undertaken by the Yasuda Bank, of Tokyo, on the 3rd of last month, was to be placed on the market on. the 1st proximo, but as the new 4 per cebis. of the Government, are to be issued from the 4th to the atth proximo, the Kanegaluchi issue has been postposed. The rate of interest agreed upon for the debentures is 61 per cent, and the issue price is above par. The debenture are to be redeemed in nine years.

INBUSTRIES OF HUNKUNG.

THEIR RISE AND DEVELOPMENT. (Specially Written for the " Hongkong

Telegroph.").

XVI.-MISCELLANEOUS. Among the various industries which have articles appearing in the Telegraph, prominence has mostly been given to the most important, and little has been said concerning the multitudinous smaller ones that thrive and flourish ike the green bay tree under the beneficent conditions that are maintained under the aggis of British rule in Hongkong. is a notable fact, for example, that wherea new industries have come into being with the advent of the British Raj, many of the older The Manager read the notice convening the established businesses that previously bad found a home in Canton and the New Torritory have changed their vanue to this city.

The reason, of course, is not far seek, for it was and is a notoricus fact. that industrial enterprises undertaken in the Chinese country proper were at all times

IN THE WAY OF SQUEIZE on the part of the local authorities whose to encourage every instance of industrial beco even better than they appear. This Chinese small manufacturers sought reluge his poor victim of a money-changer again with is particularly gratifying when it is borne from such machinations in Hongkong, where in mind that our profits nowadays are deriv- their several trades could be pursued without ed, more than was formerly the case, from | let or bindrance and practically without offias distinct from bar traffic, which in bye-gone of the island by the Home Government was days yielded such handsome revenues. The appreciated by them to the full and that the

As has been pointed out before by the generally in keeping with modern standards present writer, there has been within very of excellence, is promised for the end-of-recent years many causes which have combined October if not eirlier, and will mark almost to impel the Chinese traders to desert a step forward in the Colony's progress; the Colony, even in face of the disabilities that in that for the first time in its history, Hong. they have to undergo in their own country kong will possess a hotel building really worthy and to transfer their business to the Two of the place; not, indeed, so suitable as that Kwang, but fortunately, for all concerned working conditions on the island so far as rests. Hence it is not a matter for surprise that

NEW TEXRITORY

especially, comparatively vast tracts of virgin land with splendid harbourage facilities have been opened up with excellent results so far as the development of the Colony goes and with no less satisfaction to the traders themselves.

What with the establishment of the Oriental Brewery, the Standard Oil works, the feather factory, and weaving, dyeing, cane-making fac tories, and the famous Oriente cigar-making place as well as the Steam Laundry and smaller centres of industry, there are numerous lesser concerns that are well worthy of mention in taking a review of the Colony's trade One of these is the brass workers' business, which finds a suitable locale in Yaumsti. is one of the most thriving trades in the suburb ANOTHER INDUSTRY

that in a most inobstructive fashion has made a home for itself in Hongkong in despite of the Colony, is the tin smelting works which have been laid down at Bay View and in the Western district of the City. It certainly does not remain to the Telegraph to minimise or reduce the status of an industrial concern that claims Hongkong as its location, and i the smelcing works occupy a site that, as were, take up nothing in the way of space which is occupied by the great smelting works of Pulo Brani and Pulo renang-which produce three-fifths, of the world's supply of tin-we may take credit as well of supplying our own demand and smelting it ourselves.

IS A TRUISM that all the tin that comes to Hongkong for purely local purposes is shipped here not from Pulo Brani or Penang but from Yunnan and is thence denit with in our special smelting works. It must be admitted that the smelting methods followed in Hongkong are primitive in the extreme, more primitive even than the practices pursued by the Chinese even in their most primitive ages and more especially atike to the stages of mining development that may be observed on the tin mines of British Malaya at the present day.

Another province that may with all conscience be invaded in a review of the subject that of racing boat building and motor-launch building. It had been a remarkable fact before that none but British-built motor launches or boats were acceptable to Chinese owner and when the demand suddenly increase ed and multiplied the regard for them overstepped the demand.

As a result, quite a number of firms came into existence, and such well-known concerns as Ah King and Messrs. A. F. Ramsey & Co. made rapid headway in the boat-building prolession. 'As regards the former he has mostly confined himself to yacht-building-to which profession the growth of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club has lent itself-but the latter, has done all kinds of work including many ex amples of motor-boat building, with no little

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT AT SANDAKAN.

CONSTRUCTION OF A MOLE.

Considerable speculation appears to be current as to the rateen delre of the new mole now being constructed near the mouth of the Sandakan river. We are officially informed that the construction of the mole is the commerce ment of a scheme to reclaim that part of the foreshore formerly occupied, by Kampong Bharn. When the reclamation is completed considerable area of land will be available for shop lots and an additional road will be made parallel to the Loils Road.

The construction of the mole also provide extremely suitable labour for the gang of bad character prisoners who were formerly working on Barn Hill and who require to be well guard. ed and under strict and constant supervision. Incidentally the mole will, we understand, be used for official and ceremonial landings, in order that it will not be necessary for distinguished visitors to pick their way, as is now sometimes macessary, through the crowded Castoms House. B. N. B. Herald.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

MOCH REHTONA

The price of opium has been going up by leans and bounds. For some time pas', rubber and rubber only has been on the brain, but it looks as if good old opium is going to claim some of the general attention. I wonder what sluister influence is behind it all?

SOME UNRECORDED STORIES.

Although any incident connected with the recent appearance of the American tourists on these shores to be related now may appear somewhat late in the day, the following stories will be read with interest. It is a solemn fact, that, during their stay here, the Yankees had a decided penchant for United States gold currency. It is related of a certain Ame. ican that he approached a money-changer's counter of a hotel and asked for some money to be changed into American currency. After about five minutes! careful calculation, the money-changer passed. over the desired tokens, with, however, a few. cents in local currency, as he just then happened to tun short of American money. ... Imagina his surprise when the American with a coblness which was well-nigh exasperating handed the money back to the money-changer, accom-

panied with the remark : " I guess I'll go and have it changed at the Bank," I fancy if the same capricious gentleman were to approach a request similar to the last one, he would be given a polite but firm refusal. NY OWN EXPERIENCE.

But the above story is nothing in comparison with some really startling incidents which have come to my notice. 'A great number of these incidents aboutd, in the nature of things, naturlly go unrecorded, but those at which I was personally present or have been related to 'me I gladly offer for the delectation of my readers. On the first day of the American visit to the Colony, I proceeded to Blake Pier bent on investigating. (By the way, it was a good thing that the pier was worthy of the name, as the whilem thatched affair of bye-gone days would have elicited remarks from the visitors bardly complimentary to the Colony.) I did not have long to wait for something out of the extraordinary, for suddenly a certain party entered a ricksha and instructed John to drive to "Kingsclere," Of course, John as usual assumed an intelligent expression and with a cry of "Savee" given in his own weird way he was about to rush off. As likely, as not he would have made a circuit of the city and, after having wasted a good amount of time, would have blandly demanded his fare and flatly refused to proceed further. Always baving been possessed of a magnanimous nature, and not wishing the ignorant one to be put to any unnecessary inconvenience, I went up to him and said: You generally proceed to 'Kingsclere' by chair. I think you better take one." . Whereupon the Yankes turned round and gave me a stony stare which, I must admit, almost freezed me. The next moment, he asked: "Are you" one of the guides? I've been looking for one all the evening." "No," I replied, "L'm not one of the guides. I merely wished to assist you in finding your destination." Without thanking me, the Yankes suscenced himself. in a chair and the next moment I was left alone. My feelings can be better imagined than described. I at the time indulged in a mild philosophy on the subject of the inherent capacity of the average, American to take a person by storm, as it were. I would advise my readers to think twice before, trying to do a good turn to a stranger, no matter who he is without having previously been invited to do so, ANOTHER INCIDENT.

Which reminds me of acother little incident which is too good to pass unnoticed. An "Ummurncan " walked into the local Detective Bureau after having probably mistaken his destination, and almost the first thing he did was to strike against one of the 'tecs. Like a boit from the blue came the American's calm question: "Say, do you speak English?" When I teil you, gentle reader, tost there was not an inkling of other than pure English blood in the 'tec's veins, you will not be surprised to hear that the latter did not wait to reply but with unruffled dignity left the questioner in an udenlightened

WHY SANDY LIKED THE BAGPIPE. The other day a tresh arrival in the Colony from the old country took it into his head to discuss with me the fascinating subject of St. Andrew's Ball, the fame of that interesting anqual function having preceded his visit to the Colony. As the guiffin persisted in a falso no. tion that the function must occessarily be of a purely Scottish Character, his face was a study when I quickly disillusioned him by saying that an Indian piper supplied the music at the 1908 Ball! Whereupon the party referred to said that it reminded him of the Scotchman who was always telling his friends that he had a profound harred for music of every description. One day, Sandy incidentally mentioned to one of his acquaintances that he loved the sound of the bag-pipe. "But you've always told me that you hated music?" urged his friend, "Aye, aye, mon," replied Sandy, "that's the vairy reason why I like it. The bag-pips is not music." I know sever-, al people who hold the same opinion.

MRW TYPE OF HAT. New fashions in men's bats continue to be created. The other day I was shown the latest European production in the shape, of a straw bat with the inside of it lined with colluloid. This fact elicited the remark' from the owner that the washable material could with little trouble undergo periodical ablutions, but I was at the same time impressed with the fact that the material was as easily liable to ignition.

CABUAL CRITICA

BILLIE, a big brindled bulldog, the regimental pet of the 2nd Royal Irish Refles at Dover, who went through the whole of the Boer war with them, has had to be sent away in disgrace. owing to his baying bitten a boy.

"THE HOMEWARD BOUNDER!

HUMOURS OF THE MAIL BOAT, (Specially Written for the "Hongkong"

Telegraph!")

Just at this season of the year, when the hot weather is sending out certain warnings that it will soon be upon us, there begins the annual exodus of those fortunate persons who have become entitled to a holiday in Europe after such and such a number of years' service in the enervating. East. Already we have seen many such departures recorded in the Telegraph, and many more are imminent. Of course, there is no need to explain that the Hongkoog resident who-happy man I-becomes entitled to his leave on full pay or half pay as the case may "case, takes care to get away from the Colony before our trying summer mikes its advent, so as to avoid that and at the same time get the benefit of the mild season at Hame, for when be first arrives in the old country after a long sojourn in the East he would cut a sorry fi, use if he had first of all to be called upon to face the rigours of the bitter months.

As one who has seen many "send-offs" from Hongkong, the writer has had the chance of witnessing both sides of the picture,

GRAVE AND GAY

well as the various migor circumstances which yet are never the same in any two cases, As a general rule, the "homeward bounder" is followed to the ship by his friends and fellows workers and sent off with a bristerous farewell. much account. Still be atuck out for the pen-At one time in Hongkong, there was hardly sion until he got it, but on no account would ever a departure of a Scotsmin or a group of Scottmen without the bag-p pes being requisi- be give up the use of his crutches even to the tioned to skirl out parting good wishes, but this practice has fallen into disuse generally and was much commiscrated by onlookers on and may only now be observed when, say, a bunch of Scots police are going off on leave | his misfortune.

Many, a time, the writer, has beard the mail bost smoking norm resound to the designing point with the shrick of the pipes and the 'rolling out from vociferous throats the timeter dancer using his crurches, as the swords ! honoured songs of the country, ending up of cruss with "Auld Lang Syne." Needless to say these partings were not effected without a conditionable consumption of whisky and other stimulants, for it is little use for a Scots. man'to try to take leave of a departing friend

A SLOCKENER.

But although, the Scots appear to be the most fervid and enthusiastic in their fashion of taking leave of the "homeward bounder," they do not by any means absorb all the occuliarities of fatewell greatings.

When the Chinese want to show in no unmistakable munner the heartiness of their good wishes for some departing. European the cricker is brought into play. Long strings of these noisy instruments of greeting are bung at the office door or at the gate of the business place which has been the scene of his labour, and the departing parly has to run the gaunilet of these demonstrative ebulitions of good, will before he is able to reach the wharf where his launch awaits to take bim off to the steamer.

Nordoes this friendly demonstration and here for in the case of a popular man, his admirers will sometimes fullow the steamer down the hambour for a couple of miles or so in launches firing more fusilades of crackers, with a powerful bomb at the end of the last one as a grand figale. One well-known Hongkopy man who was modest and particularly dreaded crackers, doce escaped the ordeal by making his exit through a back door leading into an ob cure alley while the workmen, were crowded round the front entrance all prepared to begin the game whenever he should make his appearance. But it was no use. They followed him out to the ship in a launch and gave him the full benefit at close qua ters. This mention of

MODEST MUN

recalls to one's mind that there 'are many "homeward bounders" who simply detest noisy farewells but prefer to slip on board quietly and without display. One such youthwho was as bashful as any girl-was so apxious to prevent being made conspicuous on the ship gave his well-wishers the slip and when he arrived on board locked himself in the cabin with the intention of emerging only at the last moment so that in the harry of departure the farewells would have to be short. But such a oundemonium did his office companions and other friends create outside the locked door that the steward was forced to intervene and the culprit was haled away to the smoking room, where he had to listen to his health being proposed and to "I e's a Jolly Good Fellow," ti ree times repeated.

On the other hand, there are many men who loss. There will always be a difference of bear off these bosouis without a blush when they leave for bone, and those have the best the Chinese in consequence of this pious 'setime of it. There is, after all, a kind of

MIXED FEELING

in the send-off which is generally accorded cost her a penny. The enormous sacrifice it the "homeward bounder," for there can be no doubt that most of us have to plead goilty to a certain amount of envy of the lucky man who is going away on leave, or to retire after he has "made his pile" in the East. But it would be more than human to expect skything else on the part at any rate of those Bess fortunate.

It is, however, one of the most pleasurable features of living in the East that on the occasion of the departure of a man whether on short leave or for good altogether, his friends unfalling. lly gather round him to wish him "Godspeed." and take other means to make him feel that. after all, life out here is not altogether so sordld and dollar-hunting a thing as it is sometimes represented to be. No "homeward bounder" departs from Hongkong without leaving a vacamy somewhere or other; and even although he may have been only a short-service man he will not soon, as a rule, forget the Works at Essen, in Germany, at the end of hearty good wishes that word given expression | last year-an increase of nearly 4,000 for the to when he left the shores of this island of frage twelve months. China has ordered from the

ERRI WATERS

TRE CHINA TRADERS' IN-SURANCE CO., LD.

A SLY COVERNOR.

More than one good story is told about a

certain late Governor of Hongkong," who

right arm may be stiff and sore for a week.

When he appeared on the Pier prior to going

on board and hundreds upon hundreds of his

faithful constituents were assembled for a final

handshake, it was seen that H.E. was wearing

his right arm in a silken sling. In consequence

the left hand had to be used. As is very well

known, no pressure can be employed in shaking

a man's left hand with your own right, and as a

result the Governor got through the duty without

getting his fingers crushed or his arm. It was

with a humorous twinkle in his eye that he

informed an inquiring pressman on board the

sigamer afterwards that there was not very

much the matter with his right hand, but be had

a lot of official documents to write on the

HUMOURS OF DEPARTURE.

with the going away on pension of a Govern-

to use crutches for a long time. Technically

he was entitled to have been invalided

Home although his injury was not of very

point of sailing. On that day he arrived at the

jetty in a chair with his crutches by his side:

But to the astonishment of all, when he got

up he was as well able to waik as the best man

among the crowd and even performed a few

steps of the " Sword Dance" with a challenge

to auxone who cared to prove himself the bet-

THE OPIUM HABIT.

FROM AN INTELLIGENT VIEWPOINT.

"Dixon," a writer in an Indian contemporary,

has the following to say on the subject of the

opium habit:-It will serve no practical pur-

pose to inquire it the effect of opium on the

national character and constitution of the Chi-

nese has been so pernicious as it has been re-

presented to be, on an extravagant presentment

of a few extreme cases. Id spite of opium, the

not inferior in health or physique to any other

Asiatic nation that is innocent of the fascina-

on that account. De Quincey cannot, per-

haps, be cited as an impartial witness. But

his opinion is valuable as derived from life-

long personal experience, and in one of the

finest passages in his "Confessions" he sets

forth the advantages of opium against wine.

and says that no man "having once tasted the

divine luxuries of opium, will afterwards descend

to the gross and mortal enjoyments of alcohol."

I am not an opium-eater myself, and it may be

a heresy to say anything in defence of a drug

which it is a sign of respectability to con-

damn, but I cannot bring myself to agree

to a pious conformity, simply because it is

considered decent by the world to be mixed

up with the herd, rather than be mark-

ed out as singular. If sentimentalism had

not come into play, India should not have

lost the revious from opium. Many years

ago, I happened to visit the opium dens

of Bombay; the inmates were enjoying their

pipe, resting on pillows in perfect peace and

harmony, and as far as I can remember, I did

not notice among them a single person half so

ill-looking as the miserable wrecks depic'ed.

for the public behoof by the abolitionists. About

wenty years ago, the whole question was

thoroughly sifted by a commission appointed

in certain circumstances, was be efficial, and

that it was by no means the evil it had been re-

presented to be. But I am quite out of date in

dealing with this aspect of the question. It is

a fact quite as settled as the partition of Ben-

gal, that the opium traffic shall cease altogether

in ten years, and that the Government must find

their own ways and means to supplement the

opinion as to the exact benefit to be derived by

solve of the British Government. Great Bri-

tain has all the credit of a deed which will not

will involve must be borne by India alone, and

the merit of it is enhanced by the fact that India

is a very poor country and its ordinary resources

cannot keep pace with its growing expenditure.

The Finguen Minister is himself much discon-

certed by this circumstance, and is almost spo-

logetic in the proposals he has submitted to the

Viceroy's Council for fresh taxation. " This is

not, a rich country," he said. "A large propor-

tion of its people are poor, an appreciable pro-

portion are very poor. No right-minded man

can impose additional taxation on India with a

light heart. To me, it is a very genuine sor-

row to be obliged to do so." This is a fact

which should weigh upon the heart of all Fin-

ance Ministers. It will do them good, and save

THE North German Gazette states that 66,909.

workmen were employed at the Krupp Gun

Krupp works 200 light mountain guns.

the country from a possible evil.

Another humorous happening connected

homeward voyage.

ANNUAL REPORT.

was just leaving the Colony as a "homeward bounder." As the departure of The report for presentation to the thare-Governor always does, His Excellency's holders at the forty-fourth ordinary meeting going away was celebrated by many functo be held at the Company's offices at 12.30 tions of a social kind which necessitated a p.m., on Wednesday, the 13th April, reads to great deal of hand-shaking. As anyone who The Board has now to lay before the sharehas bad to go through the experience of shaking holders a balance sheet containing a summary hands with innumerable people on the one day of the property and liabilities of the Company on will tell you, it is a most trying ordes! and the the 31st December, 1909, and a statement of accounts to the same date. But His Excellency was not taking any risks:

1908 Account,-After payment of the interim | instant, at Noon, dividend of \$3 per share and the bonus of 20 % to contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$421,778:11 as per appexed statement.

The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as f. llows :-

A figat dividend to shareholders of \$1.50 per share on 24,000 shares \$ 36,000.00 An addition to sterling reserve fund of £10,000 at exchange 1/9 9.16 111,304.35

An addition to the reinsurance fund. of £5,000 at exchange 1/9 9.16 55,652.17 To be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the

account for the year 1908 218,821-59 \$421,778.11

150, Account.-The balance of working acwhich are char-cleristic 41-theso-functions and ment official wasthis, we had been incapacitated count on the 31st December, 1909, was \$1,202,on service by an injury which compelled him. 628,19 as per appexed statement, The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$3 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$72,000 and that a bonus of 20 % be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$125,000 and that the remainder be carried forward. DIRECTORS.

Since the last general meeting Measrs, H. A. W. Slade, G. Friesland, W. Helms, E. G. Barrett and C. S. Gubbay have resigned their seats on leaving the Colony and Mr. G. Balloch, of Messrs. Gilman & Co., Mr. J. W. Bandow of Messrs. Meichers & Co., Mr. Fr. Lieb of Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co., and Mr. G. H. Medburst of Meisrs, Dodwell & Co., Ld., have joined the Board. Messis. J. W. C. Bonnar and A. Forbas retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS. The annexed accounts have been audited by Messis, H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe who offer themselves for re-election.

A. FORBES, Chairman. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1910.

" BALANCE "SHEET.

On 31st December, 19:9. To Capital 24,000 shares of \$83 33 each = \$,000,000 upon which

\$15 per share called and paid up \$600,000.00 t hinese are a well-built race, unsurpassed in To Reserve Fund :-industry and application. They are certainly Silver \$8:0,000.00 Sterling ... (5,000 = 🐪 55,652.17

855,652.17 tion of the narcotic. I do not know, if taken To Unclaimed bonus and dividend 3,557.50 immoderately, opium works greater havoc than To Exchange fluctuation account 68,154.40 alcohol. There are habitual drunkards as there To Investment fluctuation account 71,883 57 are excessive opium-esters, and yet the traffic To Working account 1908 balance 421,778.11 in alcoholic drinks is not stopped altogether To Working account 1909 balance 1,202,628.19

To Reinsurance furd £ 37,880. 4.1 365,976.53 | KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL To Underwriting -suspense account. £ 9,294 6.9 103,450.02

To Sundry creditors 804.87 \$ 3,603,885.42

y Cash, on current account at Hongkong\$ By Cash on deposit with Bank in Hongkoog, Shanghai, & Scattle, 771,714.08 By Amount invested in mortgages,

debentures and other securities in Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokobama, By Amount invested in London.

Déposited la Banks, £99,000. o. o. Leasehold property, 20,990. o. o.

Other investments... 3,722.10. 0

£123,712.10.0 1,376,973.91 By Amount invested in Australia, viz:-Deposited in Bank, £4,000. 0, 0 44,521.74 By Amount at debit of branches and agencies 145,147.27 by Government, and the weight of evidence was By Sundry debtors 69.493 must cecidedly in fayour of the view that opium, By Bills receivable 16,922,67

> \$3,693,185.42 WORKING ACCOUNT, 1909. " On 31st December, 1909.

To Transfer fees \$ 2,066,920.88

By Agency commissions, \$56,947.38 By Head office, branches and agency charges, By Remuneration to directors. committees and auditors...... By Losses and claims paid,..... 1,158,556.19 1,465,335.15 By Bonus of 20% paid to con-

By Balance, \$2,066,920.88 WORKING ACCOUNT, 1909. On 31st December." To Nett premium \$ 2,165,254.9!

72,000.00

Course, I. p.m.

By Interim dividend of \$3 per

share, '...

\$ 2,314,212.94 By agency commissions By head office, branches and 218,223.19 agency charges By remuneration to directors, committees and auditors 14,002.0 By tosses and claims paid

1,207,028.19 51,314,212.94 Signling Ruchange taken at it. 9 9 10%.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

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FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

'ALESIA." Captain Habel, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extrahazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained gainst Bills-ot-Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised, No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th instant, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

any case whatever. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 25th March, Joso. "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ERROLL," FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the and prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th prox, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 1st prox., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Hongkong, 26th March, 1010.

COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting of the Council beld at

the Board Room, on the 8th March, 1919. Present :- Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), W. Kruse, C. Lee, J. Lee, J. Mencarini K. Taudzurabara, Lim Nee Kar, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Senior Consul forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps at Peking to the Senior Consul at Amoy, dated the 10th February, 1910. concerning the qualification of persons to voteat public meetings of ratepayers, and the Secretary was directed to publish same for general information in the Amoy Gazette and also in Express" form.

Communications were read from the Amoy Engineering Company concerning a path leading to their works. The matter was referred to the Works Committee.

The Captain Superintendent of Police reported that the following cases had been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting :- Summonses: Fraudulently, obtaining money I, Encroaching on property I. Debt Il Allowing cattle and pigs to stray 7, Assault Illegally selling land 2 , Summary Ar: rests: Found on enclosed premises, &c. I Loitering with intent, &c. 4, Being a rogue and To Nett premium\$ 1,918,120.82 a wagabond, &c 1, Breach of Opium Regula-148,782.06 tions 4. Throwing dirt, &c. into the public drains 18,00 12; Gambling 5, Theit 3, Robbery 1.

(Signed), W. H. WALLACE, Chairman. By order,

C. BERKELEY MITCHELL, Secretary.

Events Coming.

Saturday, 26th March. Bandmann Opera Co., "The Gay Gordons, 107,807.62 9 p.m.

Monday, 28th March. Bank Holiday. Lusitano Recreation Club Sports, at Race

Tuesday, 29th March, Geo. P. Lammert Auction sale of furniture, at the "Davonia" Peak Road, 2.30 p.m. Geo. P. Lammert, Property sale, 3 p.m. Sanitary Board meeting, 3.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 30th March.
Buffs Athletic Sports, Kowloon Cricket Club. China Commercial Co., Ltd., annual meeting at the office of Ewops and Harston, Alexandra Building, 4 p.m.

Saturday, and April. H.K.A.A.A. Sports, Kowloon Cricket Club.

Monday, 4th April. National Bank of China Ltd., Extraordinary meeting, 12.30 p.m. Telephone No. 135. Philliarmonic Concert, at City Hall 9.14 p.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Steamer.

"SARDINIA."

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Consignoe's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten

days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized. No Cialms will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns. E. A. HEWETT.

Superintendent. Hopgkong, 25th March voto

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP LONDON, MARSEILLES, COLOMBO

AND SINGAPORE

THE Company's Steamship

"Wakasa Maru." having arrived from the above Ports, Con-

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Coke. Scrap Iron or other similar natured goods are to be taken immediate delivery ex ship: otherwise they will be landed into the same Company's Godowas at owner's risk and

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOOD, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 31st March will be subject to rent.

No Fire Iusurance has been effected. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. 'No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 24th March, 1010.

Hongkong, 18th March, 19:0.

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MANILA	LOUNGSANG	FRIDAY, 1st April 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	CBOYSANG	SUNDAY, and April, Day	iliaht.
S'GAPORE, PENANG & CAL	OUTTA. <i>KUTSANG</i> *	MONDAY, 4th April, No	on.
SGAPORE, PENANG & CAL	GUTTA.KUMSANG*	FRIDAY, 8th April, Non	n.
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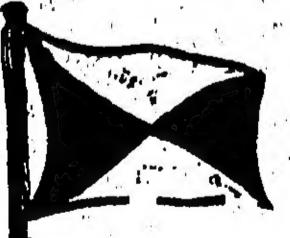
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	TAKAO (DIRECT) A	Captain N. Kobayashi "Daigi Maru" Capt. H. Muruyama "Soshu Maru" Captain T. Sugi "Bujun Maru"	at 3 P.M. SUNDAY, 27th at 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, 30th at 10 A.M.	Darker) of
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Hongkong, 24th March, 1910.

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TWEDNESDAY, 30th MARSEILLES, LONDON Mar. at Daylight. AND ANTWERP VIA MIYASAKI MARU, (WEDNESDAY, 13th SINGAPORE, PENANG Capte T. Murai. COLOMBO AND PORT Tons 9000 L. April, at Daylight. KITANO MARU, (WEDNESDAY, 27th SAID Capt. F. E. Cops. Tons 9000 & April, at Daylighte

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S KAMAKURA MARU, SATURDAY, 23rd Apr. Tens 6500 From KOBR. VIOTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE \S AWA MART; (TUESDAY, 29th Vis SHANGHAI, MOJI, Cant S. Ishikawa, Tone 7000 (March, at Noon. KOBE, YOKKAICHI and [INABA MARU

YOKOHAMA J. Ospt, K, Kawara, Tons 7000 L. 26th April, Noon. SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, YAWATA MARU. VIAMANILA, THURSDAY (Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5000 ! April, at Noon.

ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE (NIKKO MARU, AND BRISBANE JECapt. M. Yagi.

(FRIDAY, 15th Tons coco ! May, at Noon, BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (* TOSAEMARY, TUESDAY, 5th AND COLOMBO [Capt. Y. Nompra, Tous 6000 l

SHANGHAI, MOII AND STORYLON MARU, KOBE Capt. Fred. Pyne, Tons 6cool March.

MONDAY, 28th MIKKO MARU, WEDNESDAY, 13th Tons 6200 | April, at Noon. FRIDAY, 25th Capt, N. Nielson. Tone 7000 | Mar., at Noon,

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Captain H. Powell, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMfor the above Ports in connection with the Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which ressal is secured before departure from Hong-

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseillas and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will

Mantud, due in London on 13th May, 1910. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 F.M. the day before sailing. The Contents

and Value of all Packages are required. -For further Particulars, apply to

Hongkong, 19th March, 1910.

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP "AYMERIC," FROM TACOMA, VANCOUVER, YOKO. HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

will be landed and stored at Consignoss' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Hougkong, 19th Merch, 1910.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

S.S. "BENVENUE," FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed may be obtained.

-No Claims will be admitted after the Goods bave left the Godowus, and all Goods remain-S.S. "DACRE CASTLE", On 12th April. ing undelivered after the 21th inst., will be subject to rent.

> 5th prox, or they will not be recognized, All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will ba

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, 2 and March, 1010. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES, THE Beamship

"PRINZ LUDWIG." having arrived, Consigness of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the harardons

pany, Limited, at Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained; No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaine.

be subject to reat. 'All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are, to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th of March, at 0.30 A.M. All Claims must peach us before the 4th of

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned. THIS STEAMER BRINGS CARGO Ex S.B. Crefeld from Rio de Januiro.

> Feldmashal from Zanzibar, NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD

Honghour salk March, 1016

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THE Steamship

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be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S.

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Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE above Steamer having arrived, Conaignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

"BEN " LINE OF STRAMERS.

at their risk into the basardous and/or extrahazardons Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Whari and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the wharves delivery

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the

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and/or extra hazardons Godowns of the Houge kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godowa Coming undelivered after the 10th of March, will:

April, 1910, or they will not be recognized.

Therapa from Smyrna.

MELOHERS & CO. General Agenta

Allbe, Mrs.

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Bird, C. F.

Bowack, G.

Carleton, C. R.

Chapple, F. T.

Clark, M. O.

Clark. M. A.

Colvin, H. E.

Condon, H. L.

Curran, G. T.

Curran, J. T.

Davies, G. H.

Dorlan, J. H.

Dyer, W. I.

Easton, W.

Fuller, Denman

Gill, Miss E. H.

Gill, Miss V. H.

Gill, Mrs. W. H.

Goodchild, Miss

Kell, John.

G. T. and child

Hale, R. M.

Hamilton, J. C.

Haivey, J. H.

Havenar, F. E.

Herrera, L. U.

Holckner, Mrs.

Hollander, J. W.

Hay, D. D.

Dunrich, A. E.

Curry, G.

Bovet, L.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING BRITISH

The following Notice has been issued by the British Admiralty to vessels approaching British ports: Lest it may be regarded as of analarmist nature, indicating expectation of an outbreak of hostilities, we may say that a very similar notice was published by the British Admiralty at the beginning of last year, and it seems to be intended to republish the potification annually, in order that mariners may not be under any misapprehension as to what should be done in the circumstances mentioned. The notification, which includes Hongkong and Singapore, Aden, Bombay, Calcutta, Colombo, Karachi, Mauritius, Rangoon, as well as the principal ports in the Colonies and the United Kingdom, runs as

CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING DRITISH

(1) My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having taken into consideration the fact that circumstances may arise in which it may be necessary, on account of periodical exercises; manauvres, or otherwise, to forbid all entrance to the Naval Ports at night, this is to give Notice that on approaching the shores of Great Britain, or any port of the British Empire, if search lights are observed to be in constant oppration, the Naval Ports should be approached with great caution, as it may be apprehend? ed that obstructions may exist outside, or that the entrances may be altogether of sed.

(2) If an entrance to a port is closed, three red vertical lights will be exhibited in some conspicuous position, in or near to, its approuch, and as far as possible notice of this fact will be given by lookout vessels in the offing.

In this case vessels must either proceed to the position marked "Examination Anchorage" on the Admiralty charts and anchor there, or keep the sea.

(1) At all the ports or localities at home or Nova Scotia 5,150 4,900 10,050 abroad referred to at the end of this Notice. search lights are occasionally, exhibited for exercise, and this may make navigation difficult when approaching them.

Instructions have been given to avoid direct- Ratanui tion is necessary when search lights are being Rubber Growers Ass. 2,324 exercised.

EXAMINATION SERVICE.

come necessary to take special measures to Sungei Kapar 17,100 examine vessels desiring to enter the ports or | Sandycroft 9,848 6,438 16,286 localities in the United Kingdom and His Scaffeld 9,000 8,500 17,500 Majesty's Possessions abroad, mantioned at | Selangor 33,593 the end of this Notice.

(2) In such case, vessels carrying the distinguishing flags or lights mentioned in paragraph (4) will be charged with the duty of examining ships which desire to enter the ports and of allotting positions in which they shall

(3) As the institution of the Examination Service at any port will never be publicly advertised, especial care should be taken in ap- Trong 2,133 proaching the ports, by day or night, to keep a sharp look-out for any vessel carrying "the above-mentioned fligs or lights, and to be ready to "bring to" at once when hailed by her or warned by the firing of a gun.

(4) By day the distinguishing flags of the Examination Steamer will be a special flig (white and red horizontal surrounded by a blue border) and a blue ensign.

Also, three red vertical balls if the port is

By night the steamer will carry :-

(a) Three red vertical lights if the port is closed

.(b) Three white vertical lights if the port

The above lights will be carried in addition to the ordinary navigation lights, and will show an unbroken light arou;d the horizon.

(5) Masters are warned that, before attempting to enter any of these ports when the Examination Service is in force, they must in their own interests strictly obey all instructions as to entry given to them by the Examination Steamer. In the absence of any instructions from the Examination Steamer they must proceed to the position marked "Examination Anchorage" on the Admiralty Charts and anchor there.

(6) In case of log, Masters of vessels are: enjoined to use the utmost 'care, and 'the Examination Anchorage itself should be approached with caution,

(7) The pilots attached to the ports will be acquainted with the regulations to be followed.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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:	Do.	demand	1/9 1/16
		'4 months' sight	
**		-Bank T.T	
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	India T	T	130}
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RUBBER ESTATE RETURNS.

	Jan.	Feb.	Total.
Allagar	2,000	1,850	3,850
Anglo Malay	49,306.	49,718	99,024
Ayer Molek	1,344		
Ayer Kuning	200	0, 10	
Balgownie	8,607	7,596	16,203
Banteng			
Batu Caves	-6,100	10,124	16,224
Bertam	12,500	10,000	22,500
Bukit Kajang	2,146	937:	3,083
Bukit Rajah			
Bukit Lintang			4,500
Carey United			
Castlefield	3.374	2,138	5,512
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Consolidated Malay			0
Caledonia			34,760
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Federated (S'gor)... 10,503 F.M.S. Rubber 22,860 22,179 45,039 Gedong 5,000 7,500 12,500 Glenealy 850 1,045 1,895 Glenshiel 1,893. 1,719 3,612 Golden Hope 2,398 3,748": 6,146 Golconda 10,528

Harpenden 3,045 High, & Lowlands... 43,176 40,724 83,900 Inch Kenneth 13,137 11,144 24,281. Jebong 16,000. Kalumpong 7.695 Kamuning..... 6,400 5,609 12,009

Kempsey 2,524 2,324 4,848 Kepong 2,250 Kuala Klang" 1,244 Krian Rub. Est. ... 2,032 1,650 3,682 Kuala Lumpur 45,135 42,175 B7,310

Labu 12,863 9,344 22,207 Lanadron 28,657 20,558 49,215 Ledburg...... 8,048 8,020 16,068 Linggi 58,000 57,500 .115,500 London Asiatic 8,912 7,555 16,467 Malacca Plant 27,000 27,000 54,000 North Hummock .. 18,883 (to end 1909)

Pataling 14,190 23,542 37,732 Pegoh 2,528 2,043 4,571 Perak Plant 11,632 ing moveable lights towards vessels under Ribu Rubber...... 5,000 4,314 9,314

Sengat : elaba 3,000 2,500 5,500 (1) Under certain circumstances it may be Sungei Choh 3,850 3,150 Seremban 23,377 17,820 41,197

Senawang Shelford 4,000 5,700 9,700 S'pore & Johore 8,166 6,256 14,422 Singapore Para ... 5,000 4,300 9,300 Straits Rubber 20,000 Sumatra Para --Sungei Salak...... 1,376 1,500 Tali Ayer 10,990 9,600 20,500

Vallambros2 35,000 [From the end of February all'totals are calculated for the calendar year instead of the financial year, which differs with many companies] .- Singapore Free Press.

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE. Prench (Oceanien) 28th inst. Indian (Fooksang) 29th sust. Canadian (Empress of China) 31st inst. Indian (Kumsang) 1st prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Nore is expected to arrive at Penang on 25th inst., at 6 a.m. The Silk ex C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Monteagle from-Hongkong on 15th ult., arrived at New York on

The Dodwell New York Line s.s. Sikk left Shanghai on 24th inst., and may be expected.

here on 27th inst, alternoon. The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama at 7 a.m. on 25th init. and leaves again at 3 p.m., same day, for Kube, where she is due to arrive at 3 p.m., on 26th lost The M. M. Co.'s s.s. Oceanies, with French

Mails of the 27th ult., and mails from London of the 25th ult., will leave Saigon on 25th inst., at I p.m., and is expected to arrive here on 28th inst, and will probably leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

Shipping.

Arrivale, Kohsichang, Ger s.s., 1,292. O. Scheiding 24th Mar,-Bangkok via Swatow 23rd Mar., Gen.-B. & S. Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,946, S. Kumawaki

74th Mar.,-Wakamatsu via Moji 19th Mar., Coal -M. B. G. K. Rajab, Ger. s.s., 1,275 H. C. Reher, 24th Mar.; -Baugkok and Kobsichang 17th Mar. Teakwood, Rice and Meal-Order. Wakasa Mero, Jap. s.s., 3,884, N. Nielsen, 24th

Mar., -Singapore 19th Mar., Gen.-N. Y. K.

Heimdal, Nor. s.s., 792, T. Johnson, 24th Mar. - Saigon soth Mar., Rice. - Thoresen & Yaroshavl, Rus. s.s., 2,619, Oramysay, 24th

Mar., - Valdivostock 16th Mar., Gen. - M. & Co. Alesia, Gen. s.s., 6,000 Habel, 24th Mar.;-Saigon 18th Mar., Gan,-H. A. L.

Tilkini, Dut, s.s. 2,000, H. Koops, 24th Mar. -Milke 19th Mar., Coal.-J. C. J. L. Michael Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 951, J. Petersen, 24th Mar.,-Swatow 25th Mar., Ballast .- J. Szachuen, Br. s.s., 1,342 J. V. Sidford, 25th Mar.,

-Hongay 23rd Mar., Coal.-C. N. &. Co. Tean, Br. s.s., 1 350, Ontorbridge, 25th Mar.,-Mavila 22nd Mar., Gen,-B, & S. Taiwan, Br. s.s., r,042, A. Jonkyns, 25th Mar.,
—Saigon 20th Mar., Gon.—Wingsong. Nippon, Aust. s.s., 4,014, C. Tarabocchia, 25th Mar. Shenghai, 21st. Mar., Goo. S., W.

Kachidate Maru Jap. s.s., 2,128, Y. Yamaguchi, | Socolra. 8th Marth-Cardiganskirs. Canton -Ataka & Co. Thordis, Nor. s.s., 1,091, J. Jorgensen, 25th March-Syria. 15th March, Persia, Bellevo-Rice-Assaurdi Thorses & Co.

Chinhus, Br. s.s., 1,349, J. H. Brown, 26th Mar.,—Canton 25th Mar., Gen.—B. & S. Soshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,805, Y. Yamamoto, 26th Mar.,—Anping via Amoy and Swatow

25th Mar., Gen.-O. S. K. Erroll, Br. s.s., 2,885, L. James, 26th Mar.,-Averpool 4th Feb., Gen.-D. & Co. Binhthuan, Fr. s.r., 984, Chomienne, Mar.,-from Saigon. Rico.-Order.

> Departures Mar. 25.

Amigo, for Swatow. Fukut Maru, for Moji Ymensong, for Manila. Sardinto, for Shanghai. Haitan, for Swatow. Calchas, for Snanghai. Riajun Marn, for Kobe. Signal, for Swatow. Tingsang, for Shanghai. Cheysang, for Shanghai. Hongmak, for Amoy. G. Apear, for Sing spore, Chiyuen, for Shangbai. Chinhua, for Canton.

Changehow, for Canton.

Mar. 26. Chiyo Mar u, for San Francisco. Tjikini, for Sourabaya. Chunsang, for Singapore, Zafiro, for Manila. Empress of Japan, for Vancouver. Klangoing, for Chinking. Mathilds, for Haiphong. Prinz Sigismund, for Australian Ports. Bengloe, for Singapore. Chipaking, for Canton. Derwent, for Singapore. Wakasa Maru, for Japan.

rassongol arrived ... Per Rajah, from Bangkok, &c.-Mr. E. Weiler, Minister of Railway (Bangkok), and 2

Yerimo Maru, for Shanghai,

Per Kohsichang, from Bangkok via Hoibow-Major Joan Rautenberg, Dr. v. Sharfenberg, Mesers. Reepmatar, Buis and 33 Chinese. Per Wakesa Maru, from Singapore for Hongkong-Mr. and Mrs. W. Bamforth, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew. For Kobe-Mr. Fukushima. Mrs. T. Odzu and infant. For Yokohama-Dr.

S. Watase. Per Tean, from Manila-Judge Moreland Johnson, Messrs. Scott, Jones, Hanson Higgingbotam, Howell, Coucha, Gavany, Kenagy, Hopkins Tifu Scott, McCourt, McJohnston, Liaman, Wright, Woodward, Dr. Slaby, Kenagy, and Mr. and Mrs. Klaustok.

VESSELS IN FORT.

STRAMERS.

Antilochus, Br. s.s., 5,792, A R. Stewart, 23rd Mar., - Kutchinotza 19th Mar., Gen. - B. Asia, Br. s.s., 2,936, Harry Gaukroger, 24th

"Mar".-San Francisco 13rd Feb., Mails and Gen .- P. M. S. S. Co. Atlantis, Am. s s. 961, E. de Orozco, 22nd Mar., -Manila, P.I. 18th Man, Ballast,-Mr. J.

Awa Maru, Jap. 8.5., 3,912, D. Ishikawa, 20th Mar. -- Shanghai 17th Mar. -- Gen .-- N. Y.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344. F. Sembill, 23rd Mar., -Sandakan 18th Mar., Timber & Gen. Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 864, H. Murayama, 23rd Mar. -- Swatow 22nd Mar., Paper, General

and Eggs .- O. B. K. Dagny, Nor s.s., 883, Solvesen, 19th Mar.,-Kwang-Yen 16th Mar, Coment stone,-Aggaard Thorensen & Co. Catherine Apcar, Br. s.s., 1,730, G. F. Hudson, 22ud Mar.,-Calcutta via Straits, Sin-

gapore 15th Mar., Gen.-D. S, & Co., Ld. Fiume, Br. s.s., 838, H. Nekon 23rd Mar.,-Saigno 18th Mar., Rice and Flour,-Barretto & Co. Germania, Ger. z.z., 600, C. Jepsen, 22nd Mar.,

-South Sea Island via Sydney 27th Jan., Capra, - S., & Co. Halching, Br. s.s., 1,267 Passmore, 24th Mar., -Fo chow and Ports 20th Mar., Gen -D.

L. & Co. Ha dis, Nor. s.s., 7,065, G. Solberg; 23rd Mar., -Bangkok 14th Mar, Rice and Gen .-C. S. S. N. & Co.

Iolands, Acq. s.s., 723, Chas A. K. Bertun, 24th Mar., Yokohama , 18th Mar., Ballast.-Lincairn, Br. s.s., 2,347, G. B. Jackson, 19th

Mar .- New York 27th Dec., 'og Case oil. -S. & Co. Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 7,495, F. Voge, 13th Mar., - Saigon 8th Mar., Paddy .- Order.

Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,614 Woigall, 17th Mar., -Sandakan rath Mar., Logs and Gen .-J., M. & Co. Pacting, Br. s.s., 1,059; E. L. Jones, 10th Mar.,

-Saigon 4th Mar., Rice,-B. & S. Sabine Rickmers, Dut. s.s., 573, Fries, 21nd Mar.,-Canton 21st Mar., Kerosine oil,-

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,340, Edwards, 19th Mar., -Saigon 15th Mar., Gen.-Wo Fat Sing. Tsurugisan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,559, U. Nagatsu 20th Mar .- Milke (Japan) 14th Mr., Coal,.

Steamers Expected.

-M. B. K.

Vessels	From	Aginti	Dus
Hitachi Maru Oceanien Empress of Jap Kumsang Coblenz	Saigon,	M. M	Mar. 38
	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co	Mar. 31
	Calcutta	J., M. & Co	April 1

Ships Passed The Canal.

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St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Easter Sunday 27th March Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Morning Service at 11 a.m., and Holy Communion at noon. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m., in British School, Evening Service at 6 p.m.

Peak Church. Holy Communion, & a m. Every Sunday.

Roman Catholio Cathodral:-Mass at 6 a.m. 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Benediction 5.30 p.m. Corman Bothosda Chapel, West Point :-

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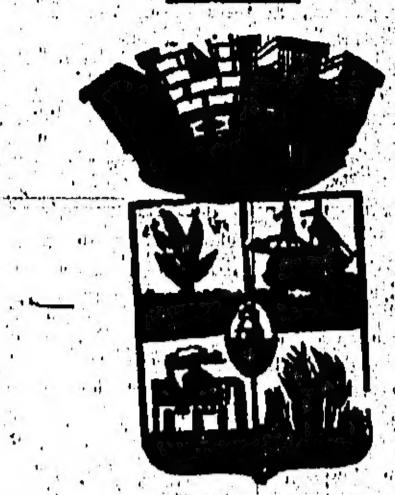
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BIRTH.

On March 15, 1910, at Shanghai, the wife of H. F. Bateman, of a son, (In March, 18, 1910, at Shaughai, to Mr. and Mrs. Gavin L. Campbell, a daughter. On Sunday, March 20, 1910, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Heizberg, two sons. On March 20, 1910, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Newcomb, a son.

MARRIAGE. At Penang, on March to, Walter Stanley Nicholls, of the Hongkong and Shangha Baok, Penang, elder son of Mr. William

Nicholls, of the Hongkong and Shanghai. Bank, London, to Mary Herbert Bowen, younger daughter of Mrs. Bowen, of London, and the late Mr. Adderly F. Bowen. On March 19th, 1910, at Shanghal, Ewart Kele, only son of George Kale, Hornsey, London, to .Grace, second daughter of Albert Amsden, Stamford Hill, London.

DEATHS. On 16th March, 1010, at No. 4, Seymour Tervace. Hongkong, FREDERICO GUILHERME. (Fritz), the dearly beloved son of Porphyrio Maria Nolasco da Silva and Cecilia Guilher- in a position to order Mr. Lloyd George to mina Machado Nolasco da Silva. On March 15, 1901, at Shanghai. Dorotby Mand, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. W. J. E. Forsyth aged 6 years and Alexandre Joaquim Collace Esposa e filhos partecipam o fallecimento dos seus filho irmac José Heitor Collaço no dia 16 de Marca

10:0 as 11.15 p.m., Shanghai. On February 22, 1910, at Maida Vals, London, suddeply, H. W. Cave, late of Shanghai.

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MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

(19th March.)

at Singapore, on the 11th inst., there was with clock-like regularity the Convent appears laid on the table a despatch from the before the public about the end of each year in the Eastern Colonies. The paragraph in generously devote their time and loosen you that, in view of the loss caused to the of the most deserving institutions working Colony by the diminution of the revenue for the benefit of the Chinese in Hongkong.

a Committee, composed of representatives of the Colonial Office, the Treasury and the War Office to consider de novo the whole question of the contributions paid by the Eastern Colonies. These questions are at present under the consideration of the Treasury, but I trust that before long I may be able to communicate their Lordships reply to you." 'This is a question in which Hongkong is vitally affected and which, it may be remembered, was referred to in one of Sir Erederick Lugard's public statements to the Council last year. In nothing the despatch as affecting Singapore, the Free Press of the Southern colony, which has upheld the interests of the taxpayers throughout the long period of this vexed controversy, writes editorially in part as follows:-"Especially will this inquiry affect the cases of this Colony and Hongkong. because in these two Colonies the interference of the Home Government with the entire revenue, is bound to entail on the finances of these Colonies an extreme disorganisation, and possibly a risk of additional taxation that may even imperil the free port status of the Colony. As has been already made the subject of notice H. E, the Governor has spared no trouble to to a revision of those items of revenue which equitably ought to be excluded from a liability for the provision of the 20 per cent revenue which constitutes the Military Coninformation has not been officially communicated, that the Committee of the Straits Settlements Association has been engaged in a careful statistical analysis of tions based on such analysis. But it is to be not expedient, on that ground alone, to attempt from this end to challenge the pro rata basis of 20 per cent which. it would require a very strong case to. disturb with any hope of reconsideration.

The matter, however, assumes an entirely different aspect when our fiscal' system, on which the 20 per cent calculation was based. comes to be compulsorily disturbed by the direct action and on the direct responsibility of the Imperial Government . If the Home Government wants the luxury of indulging in the vice of gratifying its sense of so-called virtue at the expense of other people, it should pay for that vice just as other people do who care to indulge themselves. Indeed there is good reason to people of every degree in the Colony facture of most export goods is carried on assert that there is far more real virtue in the Chinaman who takes his limited alleviation in the form of the very small indulgence in opium he can pay for, then in the soi disant virtue which delights in the coercion of free men of a different race in far away communities who have a right to manage their own personal lives as they choose, within the limits of the law under which they live. would be preposterous to ask the Chinese communities, here to pay other people for the satisfaction of exerting coercion upon these Chinese in a matter of a personal habit, on which there is general agreement that in moderation it is rather better for the Chinaman than the habit of beer in moderation is for the British workman. What the despatch speaks of is "a grant if possible of some assistance from Imperial funds.". There should be no question of "possibility." The amount morally due will be the whole amount sacrificed, and not some vague limited measure of assistance. If our revenue is removed it matters little to this Colony whether it is transferred to the Imperial exchequer, as in the case of the Military Contribution, or is thrown away, as in the case of our excise revenue that is now endangered. It is simply another illustration of might being right. If this Colony were forego half of his annual revenue and get the rest just where he could, the parallel would be perfect if we could coerce the Imperial

IN CHARITY'S CAUSE.

Government into that course. It is funny

when you put it that way, naturally. Dut

that is the effect of holding up the mirror to

position is identical with that of Singapore

and any decision of the Home Government

"to grant some assistance from Imperial

funds" to Singapore cannot equitably be

denied to Hongkong.

the Imperial Government." Hongkong's

(21st March.) From the Mother Superior we have received a monograph of the Asile de la Convent directed by the Sisters of Saint words are needed to introduce the admirable At the meeting of the Legislative Council work of the institution to our readers, for

the episcopal consecration. He it was who, how precarious a thing to retain is reputainvited them to agree to the appointment of in a letter dated the 14th December, 1847, stion and if she is to stand well in the eyes. and addressed to the Rev. Mother General of the commercial world it is the duly of her of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres, ex- manufacturers to set their house in order. posed the project of the establishment of the That fact has been taken to heart by the Sainte Enfance with its crib, hospital, board- Yokohama guilds of Japanese merchants, ing-school, and novitiate in Hongkong. with the result that they have formulated a Four Sisters (one of whom was the sister of memorial on the subject which has been Bishop Forcade, Sister Alphonsine) form- presented to the Government of Daj Nippon. ed the vanguard of the whole army of white As we have said, the guilds admit that there coifs that may be seen to day in Cochin- are defects to be remedied on the side of China, Annam, Tonkin, China, Japan, Corea, the Japanese, but very properly they point Siam, Laos and in the Philippine Islands, jout that they are not the only offenders. They set offfrom the parent-house of Chartres | Dealing with the Japanese standpoint it is on the 4th of May, 1848, embarking at declared by the memorialists that " many of London for Hongkong on board the sappho, the goods which are now regarded as imporand arrived in the Colony on the rath Sep. tant articles for export have either been tember of the same year. From the very newly manufactured or modified to suit the start, they set themselves to receiving and taste of foreign markets, but the manufacture boarding the abandoned children, of whom | of these goods is neither based on mature exthey had 170 in the first year of the Sister's | perience nor a full understanding of the taste settlement on the Island. With the death of the purchaser. Morgover, many of these of Sister Alphonsine on the 11th October, articles are more for the purposes of orna- be devised to meet the needs of the situation excise basis of the revenues, amounting in 1850, the direction of the Sainte Enfance was | ment than for practical use, and this cirthe Straits Settlements to roughly half the entrusted to Sister Marcelle, who had recently cumstance is also responsible for having arrived at Hongkong. In 1854, Sister Louise, | caused a general deterioration in goods for of English nationality, succeeded Sister Marcelle. The resources of the new hospital, Japanese, we are afraid that the guilds intersurrounded by vast gardens, were beginning ested are to a large extent begging the questo augment, and many hopes were cherished tion. It is no claim to consideration to sugof winning the confidence of the Chinese gest that because the articles produced for with greater facility. This was attempted export are intended for ornament they represent the case for the Colony in regard by Sister Louise. By her constant de- should be composed of scamped work or votedness, her visits, her care of the sick, seek to represent what they are not. As her activity in seeking out abandoned chil- well might it he said that as silk is largely dren, and carrying assistance to every shanty, used for ladies' frocks it should be made relief to every suffering, she contributed of an abundance of cotton mixed with tribution. It is understood also, although wonderfully to the modification of the minimum of the genuine article and sold as hostile sentiments engendered by an silk at the price of silk. That is reducing ignorance of the object and scope of the axioms as to what constitutes honest the Asile and so made it a Providence trade to an absurdity, but we fancy this for all. In the words of the brochure be- paragraph in question is to be regarded more the whole question for a long term of years fore us: "Until the year 1862, the Sisters in the nature of an explanation than a claim past with a view of framing recommenda- were almost entirely unknown to the public for indulgence, in which case it can be alat Hongkong. To conform themselves to lowed to pass muster. A better explanation further understood that, considering that the Chinese custom, they went out very of how the quality of Japanese manufactures throughout the Empire as well as in the rarely. At last they decided resolutely to has deteriorated is furnished in the state-United Kingdom, efforts were being made free themselves from these customs, and to ment that: "Most of the Tapanese who generally in the form of more extended walk abroad in the open daylight. As soon engaged in the Settlement trade at the out military service or a larger voluntary ex- as the English ladies learnt the good work set were recruited from the ranks of irrespenditure on naval provisions, it was held of the Sisters, its end, its beneficent, ponsible traders who dreamed of making a acts, they hastened to give their orders' fortune at a stroke, and they did not pay for needlework to the Asile. A more much attention to their reputation, as would prosperous era now began: the future be the case with those who carried on a fixed appeared less uncertain. Days of calm and trade for many years. It is not surprising, hope succeeded those of storm and anguish. Therefore, that they were not very particular Henceforth the Sister of Saint Paul, who in the quality of goods they supplied." Comhad been transported so far by the love of petition also, we are told, has affected the

PUTTING HER HOUSE IN ORDER.

there is not one greater than the devotedness

of these noble ladies, who do not seek hon-

ours, but who are happy to give their lives

day by day, year by year, to the service of

the abandoned and the sick, happy to suc-

affirm by their examples the power of

Christian faith."

(22nd March.)

far too frequently preferred to palm off cheap as possible because low-priced articles and shoddy goods on unsuspecting foreign command a larger market than high-priced buyers, wholesale and retail alike, instead of ones. They are ignorant of the industrial endeavouring to build up a solid and reputable business in articles which would'redound to the credit of the producer as well as to the | price necessarily produces inferior quality." character of the Empire. There is no doubt The idea, that foreigners believe cheapthat the evil does exist in numerous cases, for | ness to be compatible with high-grade the fact has been admitted by guilds of Japan- substantiality is rich, and betokens a sense ese merchants and steps have been taken to of humour which is not usually imported deal with the situation and to consider how a linto commercial affairs. The same idea is change may be brought about in the quality, repeated in the statement that: "Foreign of the manufactures sent abroad. While that | merchants are, as a rule, destitute of a su is so, we do not put entire faith in the disinterestedness of those who cast aspersions, in the quality of Japanese goods. For this on Japanese goods. It is possible and even reason, they invariably prefer lower-priced probable that those very parties who are articles to the higher-priced even though the loudest in their outery against the Japanese are themselves the chief gainers, and their fanciful allegations are in many instances larv, the merchant who buys for himself hopmerely intended to "save their face." ing to sell over again to others, and to the The guilible customer who believes all sgent representing a foreign firm, much wisthat he is, told by a voluble sales man. dom is contained in few words. "Most of is an important asset to a firm which the Settlement foreigners being commission may not be averse from adopting shady prace merchants they handle any class of goods if tices to obtain business. If a customer desires | they offer profit. Consequently they often a cheap and meretricious article, the active lack the necessary knowledge in some of the merchant—to say nothing of the unscrupu- lines in which they deal, and they do not lous one-will strain every nerve to see that seem able to give careful attention to the he gets it; and if in the end the goods prove future of the trade in particular goods. to be inferior to what was desired then the The Settlement merchants have also com-Sainte-Enfance, better known as the French blame is thrown on the manufacturer who petition to face among themselves, and try has only pandered to what is known as a to buy for their clients abroad as cheap as Paul de Chartres at Hongkong. Not many "felt want." In this way reputations are possible, with the result that they are not tamished and business is lost. But the Japan- infrequently induced to attach more importese are not the only people on the face of ance to prices than quality." That is the admitted the charges brought against him withthe earth, who deal in shoddy. All the whole question in a nut shell. The buyer is out the least hesitation. Wong made his admisbronze Buddbas which are sold in Londondo not always so much concerned about the Secretary of State having reference to on the occasion of their annual sales of work not come from Siam; nor were all the wood- quality as he is about the price and if the the question of the Military Contribution when the ladies of the Hongkong elite so en gods exported for appearance sake carved article only looks like the real thing he and upon the rest imprisonment for life and by African hands. America is not alone in trusts to making the greater profit by hood- various terms respectively. this connection reads:-"I have to inform their purse-strings in aid of the funds of one providing wooden nutmegs for guildless winking the public at the cost of the reputahousewives nor is all the champagne on the tion of Japanese manufacturers. As the from onlim I am in communication with the The monograph presents in an excellently product of Scotland. Of course, two wrongs above combined have produced the steady view to the grant if possible of some assist- the institution which was founded by the suffered more from her detractors through For this reason the charges of dishonesty or formed their Lordships that in my opinion French missionary, who had tried to pene which shall be nameless, which are equally | door of Japanese merchants or manufacthe time has now come when the arrange- trate into the inaccessible empire of the blameable in trying to foist inferior articles | turers, as the inferiority of quality has been

export." If this is a plea on behalf of the Christ, could, with the help of a little quality of the goods produced bynative labour sympathetic interest, devote her whole soul and while that is undoubtedly true it is only to this great work." Thence onward the a shadow of justification for those w institution has marched on the steady road "dreamed of making a fortune at a stroke." of progress, until to-day it includes the Sometimes the coup is successful but more magnificent hospital with the model crib often it rebounds on the head of the adfor Chinese children known as the Calvary | venturer. One reason which probably is at at Wong-nei-chong. How the admirable the bottom of the whole trouble is to be work of the Sisters is recognised by found in the following words: "The manumay best be summarized in the words under most irregular and disconnected conof H. E. Sir Frederick Lugard, when he ditions. Much trouble and delay not unspoke of them that, "among the acts of naturally arise before an order is executed, heroism of which France may be proud, and the endeavour to execute the order at a stipulated time frequently leads to the turning out of inferior goods," Such a condition of affairs must often occur, more's the pity, and Western countries are not exempt from the practice of substituting the inferior for the cour the unfortunate in the hospitals, and to | superior. But now let us see if there are no defects on the other side. In passing, we like the quiet insinuative effect of the mild word "defects" which is calculated to pass the scrutiny of the tenderest susceptibility. while at the same time it possesses all the force of a stronger term. In the first place, then, the writers have a sly dig at the foreign It has been a standing reproach against buyer in these words: "Foreign buyers, as many Japanese manufacturers that they have a rule, desire to obtain goods as cheap conditions in Japan, and do not seem fully cognisant of that fact that a low ficient knowledge to discriminate nice points latter is better in quality unless it is evident on the surface." Coming to the intermedi-

tion of things. How is the fair name Japan to be preserved? The solution of the difficulty is given in these terms: " When the general scope of manufacturing industry in Japan shall have made more progress and the Japanese traders have come to employ more aggressive methods in business being not content, as hitherto, merely to supply what is ordered, as has hitherto been the the same steamer, case," the complaints regarding the inferiority of Japanese goods may be lessened to "a material extent." That is certainly putting the case very mildly, but it is certain that if manufacturers refused to sell inferior goods even in the face of strenuous competition the cry about quality would be silenced. But is it not expecting too much of human nature to believe that one man will be content to starve for a principle while a less scrupulous dealer next door is making a fortune, or, at least, a competence? We are afraid some other way than that suggested will have to

OUR MONEY.

(24th March.) Let us all feel happy, because the Secre- and will assume charge of office in the course tary of State has said once again that the of a few days. Imperial Government is to compensate us for the loss of the opium trade. Not the opium trade in its entirety-be it remembered-but the loss sustained through the obliteration of divens. Many questions have been asked over this matter and it cannot be defied that we come to the subject with a prejudiced mind. Because, again, the old war-cry crops up--"We want your money," In this Colony of Hongkong we have managed by hook and by crook to the Viceroy to be deal with. The Russian was "warstle" through, but always with a view to final satisfaction. Now we have the news which is to put all of us in grand temper and to confute the absurd incendiaries who would blow up the world, in the vain attempt to prove that the Government in power is without good. The tale is told in the Singapore papers, how the Earl of Crewe, back again at his old duties, wrote to the effect that our "substantial contribution" would be assured and that the question of the military contribution would be considered. Hopeful news is always good; and we trust that it may materialise in the premises. Annoyed of their fallure to reach doubt it. This Colony is far removed from the centre of attraction, is just as liable to be forgotten as those other places in the Empire of which Sir Frederick Lugard can speak with authority. To deal first with Earl Crewe's statement regarding the opium question we may be allowed to quote anew part of the letter which he has sent in his official. of the Straits. He says and it must be with the connivance and knowledge of his that every citort has been made to k down expenditure, and I think the colony to be congratulated on the fact that, with a met by income. In this connection I have to inform you that, in view of the loss caused to the colony by the diminution of the revenue from opium, I am in communication with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasurv with a view to the grant, if possible, of some assistance from Imperial funds." We like the words "some assistance," but we must tie him down to the better words "sub-'stantial contribution." Not that we want any grant-in-aid in the sense that we are povertystricken; all we want are our dues and the fulfilment of the promises made. Lord Crewe says again-and judging, from the tone of the despatch he probably dictated it himself-"L'have also informed their lordships that in my opinion the time has now come when the arrangements with regard to the military contribution should be reconsidered, and I have invited them to agree to the appointment of a committee, composed of representatives of the colonial office, the treasury and the war office to consider de novo the whole question of the contributions paid by the Eastern colonies. These questions are at present under the consideration of the treasury, but I trust that before long may be able to communicate their lordships' That question about the military contribution has always been a "burning" one, and the idea that it is to be settled is "not bad." The fact remains that the home Government recognises that patience is a virtue which Hongkong as a member of the Empire, and Singapore which stands in the same relation. cannot exercise for ever.

CANTON DAY BY DAY. SEVERE SENTENCES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 18th March,

Yesterday H.E. the Viceroy personally attended the court to try the alleged ringleaders and accomplices, 39 men in all, of the recent mutiny of the pew regiment in Centon, and one of the prisoners named Wong Hung Kwan sion in the presence of the Viceroy, After hearing the evidence the Viceroy passed sentence of death upon three of the prisoners

SYMPATHY FROM MANILA.

With reference to the recent mutiny in Canmarket the product of France or the whisky the memorialists state: "The causes enumerated | ton the Chinese residing in foreign countries | Southern capital, However, the son of a Manhave also expressed great sympathy with the Lord Commissioners of the Treasury with a summarized form a comprehensive history of do not make a right, but we think Japan has deterioration in quality of Japanese goods. dishanded troops. On the 17th fast, the Chinese in Manila sent a joint letter to the Selfance from Imperial funds. I have also in- Rev. Father Forcade, a young and intrepid sheer misrepresentation than other countries, unscrupulousness can hardly be laid at the Government Society in Canton, in which the writers asked the members of the society to convey their hearty sympathy with the troops, Accompanying the letter, the writers also sent | od as a means whereby the differences bements with regard to the military contribu- Levant and was returning to Hongkong in on an unsophisticated public. Neverther brought about by inevitable circumstances, a sum of \$500 to the society with the request I tween Chinese and Manchu will by degrees. tion should be reconsidered, and I have the early to's where he was about to receive loss it is well that Ispan should recognise And now what is the remody for this condi- that the members of the society would kindly be overgoing

spend the money for the benefit of the newly trained troops, who had been unfortunately disbanded, in any way they might think fit. AMERICAN TOURISTS.

At 9.15 this morning the steamer Kinshan brought up from Hongkong the last batch of the American tourists, on a visit to Canton. After doing the sights of the city the visitors left for Hongkong in the afternoon on board

EXERCISE OF TORTURE

19th March.

The Canton Provincial Deliberative Council has officially addressed a despatch to the Pan Yn Magistrate asking him for an explanation why he exercised torture the other day in trying a woman, since torture is disallowed by the laws of the country. EXECUTION.

The three alleged ringleaders in the recent mutiny of the new regiment in Canton, who were sentenced to death by Viceroy Yuan Shu miun, were yesterday taken out of the Pan Yu prison to the execution ground and be-

NAMHOI MAGISTRATE. The newly appointed Namhoi magistrate.

headed.

Wong-Ting, arrived here on the 17th instant, NEW HOSPITAL. A large and splendid building erected at

Honam, not far from the Government Coment Factory, for the newly established Yan Chai-Hospital, has been completed. The opening coremony of this institution will take place on ... the 23rd instant. NO PASSPORT. Yesterday the Kwangsi Authorities sent an

officer to escort a Russian subject, whose name is unknown, to Capton and hand him over to not in possession of a passport, while travelling in the interior of the Kwangsi province. The Viceroy has accordingly sent him on to Hongkong to be given over to the charge of the Russian Consul there.

OUTRAGEOUS GANG "RODDERY.

zzst March. On the 19th instant a gang of robbers numbering over a hundred attacked a pawnshop in the village of Sun Chup, in Shun Tak district. As the shop building is very strongly built, and its doors barred with fron bars, the robbers could not gain admission into the shape of a quarter million dollars. But we the treasures stored in the pawnshop, the robbers set fire to the building and four persons perished in the flames, while half a dozen others were severely injured. The building was completely destroyed.

AN ABORTIVE RIOT.

In the evening of Saturday last no less than two thousand people gathered round the theatre in the western suburb, and appeared to be in a state of great excitement and threatencapacity to Sir John Anderson, the Governor | ed to destroy the building. What led to the riot is at present unascertainable. But it is learnt that the day performance on that day Cabinet colleagues, "I note with satisfaction stopped at 6 p.m. being two hours earlier than usual, and it is surmised that the andiance became irritated in consequence. On being informed of the abortive disturbance, a large number of police was at once sent to the scene diminished revenue, expenditure is so nearly to preserve order and the crowd was dispersed. The residents in the neighbourhood were for a time in a state of great alarm.

THE DISBANDED TROOPS.

With reference to the recent mutiny of the new regiment in Canton a resolution was passed at a meeting held yesterday by the Canton Self-Government Society to the effect that the Society and the Provincial Deliberative Council should forward a joint petition H. E. Viceroy Yuan orging him to reconsider the case and to allow the disbanded troops to be re-enlisted in the Canton Military service.

THE RECENT MUTINY.

In connection with the recent mutiny of the new regiment it is now learnt that the loss sustained by the Provincial Government, including the arms, ammunition and horses that are missing and the barracks that were destroyed and the expenditure incurred in suppressing the disturbance is estimated at about \$2,000,000. NEW WAMHOL MAGISTRATE,

The newly appointed Namhoi Magistrate. Wong Ting, has appointed the 1st day of the ard moon on which he will assume charge of

LIKIN COLLECTIONS.

The collection of Likin does in Canton during the last ten days of the first moon, as rereply to you." So says the Secretary of State. ported by the Likin officials, to the Viceroy, amounted to 59,843.2.5 tacls. CEMENT WORKS.

> Taotai Lo Chi Lum has been appointed by the Viceroy to be managing-director of the Canton Government Cement and Brick Factory. PRATAS ISLANDS.

> Commodore Li Lin left here yesterday with a scientific expert and a number of workmen for the Fratas Islands with the view to the development of the athoil.

> > THE OFIUM BOOM,

23rd March. During the past week the price of foreign raw opium has advanced considerably in Canton. It now stands, at about \$25 per catty.

while it was only between \$20 and \$21 a fortnight ago. It is learnt from the local opium dealers that the rise in the price of the drug in the City of Canton is due to speculation on the part of certain opium merchants in Hongkong, who have stored up a considerable amount of raw oplum in stock, LIKIN OFFICE

The head office of the Likin Department will remove into the yamen of the Provincial Treasurer on the sgil instant. CHINEBE AND MANCHO

No marriage; between Chinese proper and Manchus has ever been heard of in the chal official named Wu Yu Hing Ngak has been engaged to the niece of Magistrate Yam Yuk Hang, and the marriage will take place in Canton about two weaks hence. This is the first instance in which the contracting parties! are Chinese and Manchu and is regardLUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

ANNUAL MERTING

T' t twenty-sighth ordinary unnual meeting of the shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ld., was held at the offices of the gen; eral agents, in the forencon, on Thurdny, for the purpose of receiving the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December. Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson occupied the chair. There were also present :- Messrs. It. P: White, T. W. C. Honnar (consulting committee), I. S. Perry, S. H. Michael, Chon Po Shing, Wong strong Him, G. C. Moxon, P. Testton add J. Barton (secretary).,

. The Chairman said: - Gentlemen, -The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days I propose to follow the usual course and take them as read. The report as you will have noticed is a distinct improveupon those of recent years; you are aware that since the Spanish market was closed to us the difficulty has been to an outlet for our sugar sufficient to keep the refinery continuously moving and although demand during last year improved It was still impossible to avoid frequent l'at the 31st December, 1909. We buve obtained stoppages of the works. We were, however, "all the information and explanations we have able to obtain a fair margin of profit on sales with the result that the balance at debit has been materially reduced. There are signs that as the Islands develop under the regime of the United States we may expect a gradually and the explanations given us and as shown by Improving consumption of refined sugar, and the books of the company, We have examined the requirements of the local Government | the securities of the company and found them alone now amount to a considerable quantity in order. The stocks have been certified by annually. Hitherto we have been unable to sup- I the cogineer-in-chief. ply exactly the quality of sugar required in this direction, but we have recently decided to make some improvements in the machinery which will enable us to.do so, and this will, hope, secure us an outlet for a certain quantity of refined monthly, thus avoiding the frequent stoppages of the works to which I referred above. During the summer of 1000 as you are probably aware Free Trade was established between the Philippines and the United States, and at one time we hoped that this might lead to an opening for our sugars in America; at present, however, it does not seem possible to lay them down in that country at a price which will compete with the local refineries and it appears that we shall still have to look to the Philippines only for our market, though "under" improved conditions. If there is no further informs-

There being no questions, The Chairman moved the adoption of th report and accounts. Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded.

tion desired I beg to move the adoption of the

report and accounts.

Agreed. Mesers. H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonna were ,re-elected members of the consulting committee, on the motion of Mr. E. Ormiston seconded by Mr. P. Tester.

Mr. S. H. Michael moved, and Mr. P. Tester seconded, that Mr. A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditor.

Carried The Chairman: - That is all the busines

gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

CHILD-STEALER PUNISHED. PRISONER SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS' "HARD, LABOUR"

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puispe Judge at the Supreme Court this morning, the case was again mentioned in which Liu I wa charged with kidnopping and detaining Ohinese girl twelve years of age from the custody of her lawful guardian in February last. It will be remembered that the case originally came on at the Crimual Asssions the other day and was adjourned pending Inquiries by the Registrar-General made by the prisoner to the effect that the girl followed him of her own accord and that he herwise she would have been forced to lead an immora

The Attorney-General stated that the Regi trar-General had made inquiries and found that there was no truth in prisoner's statement that the girl's mather kept a brothel. His Lordship-I think at one time the ma

ther kept a brothel?

The Attorney-General-Yes. For a short time !-- Yes,

Prisoner was asked if he had any witnesses and he replied in the negative.

His Lordship in addressing the jury sale there was no doubt that men like prisoner placed a market value on little girls and having such an asset, the naturally tried to make as much money out of it as they possibly could: After what the Attorney-General had told them they should have no difficulty in finding the prisoner guilty.

The jury without retiring returned a ununimone verdict of guilty and protoper was ser tenced to three years' imprisumment with hard

THE CINEMATOGRAPH CASE.

APPLICATION TO RECOVER GOODS.

HALF-A-DOZEN BOLICITORS TRY TO BPEAK SIMULTANEOUBLY.

24th inst.

at the Summary Court this morning, Mr. W. tricts, it was only necessary last year to lay a K. Hinds, of Messrs, Brutton and Hett, few mains of small size in order to supply remade an application to recover certain goods quirements of all our consumers. The principal from the proprietor of the Salon Cinema- | capital expenditure during the current year Theatre, Mr. Alex. Allmagoff., Mr. Hinds will be the cost of the new engine house and stated that his client, Mr. Musso, supplied a powerful pumping plant, and as the first shipquantity of dynamic to the defendant for which | meet of the machinery is expected to arrive in no payments had been made. He understood Shanghai very shortly, it is hoped the work regret. that Mr. Howell had been appointed Receiver | will be completed before the very hot weather In connection with the gate monics. He wished for the coming summer. Two large additional to recover the goods in default, of payment | show the necessity for these constant extensions without referring to the Court but as that of the company's plant, so as to be in the

tried to speak at the same time." fession to rise and address me at the same | cent. As mentioned at the last meeting the bands of craps on their farms. These were

application in Chambers.

application here. the original arrangement.

tightly as I could (Laughter). Proceeding, Mr. Hinds stated that his client

Thursday or Friday,

THE SHANGHA! WATERWORKS CO., LTD.

ANNUAL "MEETING.

The thirtieth agricul general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at Shangbai, on 18th jost. Mr. A. McLeod presided, and there were also present Mesers. L. Cubitt. W. D. Little, and A. Hide (directors). A. P. Wood (Engineer), G. Galles, J. M. Young, Hanbury, F. H. Pitcairn, C. H. Ford, J. N. representing 5,823 shares.

The Chairman said that as there was a quorum present, and it being past the hour er, E. Mairicio, F. P. de V. Soaran, B. Ormis. for which the imenting was called, he would ask the sacretary to read the notice convening The Secretary reed the autics of the meet- the meeting. At the same time-and in accordance with a request which had been mare by the London committee and to comply withordinances-he would also ask the secretary to read the auditors' certificate. This was an it no this occasion to comply with certain new ito ask. regulations at bome.

. The secretary then read the notice calling the meeting, and the following report of the

"We have audited the balance sheet of the. Shanghai Watneworks Company, Limited, as required. In our opinion such balance sheet is proporly drawn up so ne to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs according to the best of our information.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,

Auditors. The Chairman then addressed the meeting

as follows:

The report and accounts for the past year having been in your hands for some days, would suggest with your permission that they be taken as read. With regard to the accounts I think von will agree with the directors that they exhibit a very satisfactory result for the year's operation, but before, however, proposing a resolution asking you to pass them, it may interest you if I make a few remarks regarding the figures now submitted, and the genera working of the company für 1909. If you look at the working account, you will find that the total income for the year has amounted to Tis. 569,699:44, as against Tis. 510,321.77 the previous year, showing an in crease of Tis. 59,377.67. In this total is included the receipts from the lintercalary moon, estimated at about Tis. 17,000.00, but after taking this into account, I think, gentlement you will admit there is a satisfactory advance in the company's business. It is gratifying to note this very considerable increase in revenue has been obtained at a very small addition in the expenditure, the principal item being fuel, which has cost the company about Tis. 5,000 more than in 1908, owing to a higher price baving to be paid, also an extra quantity required to pump the very considerably larger quantity of water supplied. Although the quantity of fue has increased I am sure you will be glad to know the actual consumption per million gal long of water pumped shows a small shving on the previous year's working. The contract for the present year has been made upon favourable terms, with the Chinese Engineering and lining Con Ltd., which will result in a versubstantial saving in the cost for the year's consumption. Under salaries and wages there is an increase of about Tis. 5,000.00, but in this is included a gratuity of Tis. 1,000 to Mr. Main. the shipping superintendent, upon leaving the company's employ last spring. I don't think there is any other item in the expenditure calling for special mettion or explanation. The result of the entire year's, working is that we have a balance atteredit of working account of "Tis. 403,123.60, as against Tis. 353,255.15 last year, or un increase of Tis. 49,657.65. Referring to the profit and loss a/c., it will be seen there is a credit balance of Tls. 250,371.73 available for distribution to the shareholders. and we have before arriving at these figures paid no interim dividend of Tis. 106. 054.08, interest u/c. Tis. 41.549.62, and placed

creasing the credit of that account to Tls. 235,-We now propose to deal with the balance

the sum of Tis. 15,000.00 for depreciation, in-

Tis. 250,371.73, as follows:-To say a final dividend of 30/-

per share at 7/3 Tis. 207,436,1 To equalization of dividend a/c. 25,000,00 To carry forward to new account

Tis, 250,371,73 Litrust, gentlemen, you will think the above a satisfactory result of the past year's operation. As mentioned in the last report, the schome proposed to repay the holders of the previous. usue of debentures, covering a period from 1894 to 1905 amounting to Tis. 750,000.00 was completed on the 30th June last and with very lew exceptions, all the old holders transferred their interests to the new issue. The present authorized debenture issue is for Tis 1, top, con first morigage on the company's property bearing interest at 6%, of which sum up to. the present, Tis. 815,000,000 are allotted, leaving the balance. Tls. 684,100,000 available for the purpose of defraying the cost of future extensions. With the above exception, I don't think there is very much to remark upon in the balance

Our extension account is not a very heavy one, as owing to the large extension of the com-Before Mr. Justice Gomports, Pulsne Judge, pany's mains in previous years in outlying dis-

as follows: 110 foreign houses and 850 untive houses, order that opportunity would be lost. He to recommend that the company coase to pay (erminated) could not possibly apply again before next income tax on the dividends payable to share.

their proxies for this meeting. The directors do not consider it fair to the Shanghai shareholders to continue the present practice, and they have therefore no heritation in recommending that, the present costom of paying income tax for the shares on the London register be discontinued.

It is with great regret the company, have to record the death of Mr. W. G. Howall, who redired from active work in 1907 after serving the company well and frithfully for many years. As you will remember at the meeting in 1906, Mr. Howell by the kindness of the lameson, A. J. H. Carlill and Dr. W. J. Milles, | shareholders was granted a pension which taper sed at the time of his death in July last

Before resuming my seat, I desire, on behall of the directors to bear testimony to the very satisfactory manner in which the entire staff of the company has carried out the important work entrusted to it during the past year,

I think this is all I have to say with regard to the report and accounts now submitted, but before nutting a resolution, to you that they be approved and passed. I shall be pleased to innovation, but they had been requested to do reply to any questions shareholders may desire

There being no questions; the following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried upanimously:

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. W. D. Little-That the report and accounts for the year 1909 as presented be accepted and Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by

Mr. L. J. Cubit-That a final dividend for the year 1909 of 30s pershare be declared. Those who are on the Shanghai register at exchange Proposed by Mr. G. Galles and seconded by

Mr. A. J. H. Carbill-That Mr. A. Hide be reelected a director of the company: Proposed by M. I. N. Jameson and seconded by Mr. H. Hanbury-That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected the com-

pany's auditors. Mr. J. M. Young said he had much pleasure in proposing that a sum not exceeding ten per cent, on the total amount of the annual salaries of the foreign staff of the company be placed at the disposal of the directors for distribution by them at their discretion to the members of the staff. It was bardly necessary for him to add anything to what the Chairman had said. They had an excellent staff and the good results were due to their abilities and energies, and a ro, perseent addition to their salaries would be a good encouragement and on the part of the shareholders, well invested, Mr. jameson seconded, and the resolution

was carried. Mr. Wood returned thanks on behalf of himself and the staff.

Before the meeting terminated Mr. Jameson rose and spoke as follows:--This report is the 30th annual report of this Company and it gives the sharsholders every reason to be satisfied with their property and with the stewardship of the directors. My object in rising is to propose a vote of thanks to those gentlemen. Chief among them is their chair man. Mr. McLood, who has been closely associated with the working of this companfrom its beginning. I recall an evening when a few years back, Mr. McLeod accepted an in vitation from some of his friends-about 200and dined with them at the old Shanghai Club just before taking what he called a holiday. ... referring that evening to his intended trip he reminded us that in leaving Shanghai he was going abroad for a few months, for when he came back in Shanghai he would be coming home. That assurance was chuse of satisfaction to every shareholder in every company in Shanghai the Wr. McLoud was connected with for his ex tended business experience and his high purpose are material aids to any company havis him as a director. We as shareholders in thi company justly congratulate ourselves having him as our chairman. Let us then put on record an earnest vote of appreciation and

Mr. Young said if a seconder was required he would feel honoured at being able to second the proposal. Mr. McLeod replied on behalf of the directors and himself. He had been "a director of

thanks for his long and valuable services to

this company.

this company since its inception and it had always been the greatest pleasure for him to do whatever he could to promote the company welfare. In the early days of the company welfare, there were many difficulties to overcome before the company was placed in the flourishing position that it was now; He thank ed the shareholders most sincerely for their kind expression of thanks.

The meeting terminated with the Chairman appouncement that dividend warrants would be posted to-day.

THE LATE STAFFSURGEON FRASER:

THE FUNERAL.

The Shanghai Mercury, of 19th inst., says:-The funeral took place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery this afternoon with full Naval honours of late Staff-Surgeon Arthur Forbes Fraser, H.M.S. Flora, who died at the Victoria Nursing Home yesterday morning after a brie iliness. The deceased was a native of Scotland and received his medical education at the University of Edinburgh of which seat of learning he held the degree of M. B. He served' course at Haslar Hospital, Portsmouth, having entered the Royal Navy in 1900 and having completed his hospital service he was appointed to service, affoat and served on board the ships Pembroke, Superb, Resolution, Formidable, Wildfire, Landrail, Albemarle, Surprise, the yacht of the Commander-in Chief of the Mediterranean, who at that time was Lord Charles Beresford. From this shir he went back to Haslar Hospital and in 1908 he was promoted Staff-Surgeon and in September 1900 he was appointed to H. M. S. Flora During his short stay in Shanghai he had made boats of friends who heard of his doub with

The funeral cortege left the Nursing Home at half past one o'clock this afternoon being to inform the Court that his client was entitled filter beds are now nearing completion, "To headed by four Sikh Troopers under the command of Trooper Sergt. McSwinney. Then came a body of sallors from ". M. S would amount to contempt of Court since Mr. position to supply the largely increased con- Flora, then a gun carriage on which was Howell had been appointed Receiver be made sumption of water, I am sure the following the heavy, casket containing the remains. that application for an order by the Court figures will be interesting. The quantity of covered with the Union Jack and a number empowering his client to recover his goods. water, pumped during last year amounted of wreaths, and alongside the carriage At this point, about half-a-dozen solicitors to 2,845,038,043 gallons, as against the walked the naval pull bearers. Next came previous year 2,516,462,970 gallons, being an | Captain Nicolas and a number of the offi-His Lordship-I don't want the whole pro- increase of 328,575,073 gallons equal to 13 per cers of the Flore in full uniform weating he has obtained such opium, and the manner kan, have been all ruined by white anta. The france. time. I don't know who is first, second or company's greatest enemy "the abuse and tollowed by a large number of marines headed third. (Langhter.)

Mr. Harris—My friend must make his and unless consumers will help the company, blue ackets carrying wreaths, etc., the next to strong measures will have to be taken to pre- come being the patty officers of the ship the Mr. Almada-My friend can't make his vent the continuance of the abuse. It is satis. rear being brought up by a number of officers. factory to know that although complaints are On the cometery being reached the coffin was My, Harris-I believe my friend agreed to made of so many empty houses in the Settle- carried to its last resting place and a touchlor ment, the company has during the year in- service was read by the Rev. Mr. Rowland. Mr. Hinds-I did not. I shut my mouth as creased its consumers by 1,000 houses, divided Chaptain of the Flora, The casket was then. lowered into the grave and the firing party fired the customary three volleys over the grave had an opportunity of selling his goods and if As advised by circular letter on the 24th and the Bugler sounded the "Last Post," The his Lordship did not immediately make so January last, it is the intention of the directors grave was then filled in and the sad caremony

His Lordship—1 think I better take the to this conclusion are supported by a large states that P. & O. s.s. Ceylon is now at Well and more special states that P. & O. s.s. Ceylon is now at Well and Horace I. Higgins, the Jajured boy was removed to hose that severally, memory of the Marile Hellway Company, the sow lies in a precarious sensition. Chambers, 1 to body of these states colors who have introduced and the participation of the p

SILK FACTORY HELD UP. On the 0th instant the well-known Po Shup Chaung silk factory in Namhol district was attacked by a large number of robbers, who carried away allarge quantity of raw silk to the value of over twenty thousand dollars in addition to killing a village guard. The & Co. ;owner of the factory has reperted the robbery

TAOTAL OF CONSTABULARY. The Cauton Shan Hou Kuk department has received a telegram from Shanghal advising that the newly appointed Tantal of Constabulary of Kwangtung is a passenger on board the C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer Kewanglah and that he is expected to arrive at Canton on the 27th instant to take up his new appointment,

to the authorities in Canton.

INCREASED DIVIDENDS. We are informed by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., that, subject to audit the Directors will recommend that a final dividend of \$10 per share be paid for account 1908 making Sto per share for the year, and for 1909 an

DNION INSURANCE SOCIETY

OF CANTON, LTD.

CLAIM AGAINST A PUGILIST.

of 20 per cent. on contributory premium.

interim dividend of \$30 per share and a bonus

RENT MATTER AT THE SUMMARY COURT

Before Mr. Justice Gomperts, Puisne Judge, at the Summary Court this morning, Mr. F. X. d'Almada, of Messrs, d'Almada and Smith, mentioned a case in which Mak, Nam. Woon, described as a landlord, sought to recover from W. L. Gill, otherwise known as Bill Lawis, the sum of \$160, amount due for rent.

His Lordship-Do you wish me to make an Mr. Almada-Yes, my Lord. I want security

His. Lordship—Is defendant a soilor? Mr. Almada-No, my Lord, ha's a pugilist His Lordship granted the application.

TIMS. -

Once again a correspondent who has resided for many years in the East writes to us to suggest that something should be done to check the growing evil of "tipping" on the mail steamers which run between Europe and the Far East. He states that when he last went Home by the P. & O., travelling only with his wife, the had to give gratuities amounting in all to no less than £8 and, he adds, "! couldn't with decency have got out of it for less." When he returned, he travelled by the German mail and discovered that although the scale of "tipe" ran just as high, the number of persons who expected to receive them, was considerably larger. The reform he recommends is the adoption of the system in vogue on the steamers of the Messageries Maritime where, towards the end of the voyage, th maitre d'hotel brings round a book in which each passenger puts down a subscriptionour correspondent affirms that it rarely ex-

ceeds twenty france-and the total is divided

There is much in what our correspondent

up among all the stewards pro rate.

advances, and the subject is certainly topical at the present moment when the "annual hegira" (the flight of the profit-takers) is just beginning. Passengers who travel Home from the Far East and change to the mail steame at Colombo are usually mulcted rather more beavily than those who proceed direct, but the fact remains that the amount which the first-class passenger has to pay for ordinary attendance for three or four weeks is rarely less than £5, and this is certainly excessive. Of course, the remedy in the long run lies with passengers themselves, but in these days when the standard in such matters is set the American millionaire and the Habrew Anglo-German company-promoter, it is very hard to effect a reduction. At Home and on the Continent, as we noticed when we were last in Europe, the nuisance is daily growing more intolerable; it has invaded the country house and many a man finds a week's shooting in Scotland more expensive than a fortnight at Monte Carlo. The old-(ashioned English "milrod" who did the grand tour in his celechs was usually liberal towards servants, but he never "tipped" to the same ridiculous extent as the nouvenu riche of to-day whose hoge gratuities are the outcome, not of generosity, but of vulgar ostentation and love of display. Gradually, we may hope, it will come to be regarded as "bad form" to "tip" to excess; as it is cortainly unfair to one's less wealthy fellows, and "tipping," will once more find a proper and normal level. In regard to the lines of passenger steamers which have not yet removed the ten per cent surtax on fates, in spite of the fall in the price of coal, the traveller may reasonably assume that the great companies like the P. & On the Orient Line, and the North German Lloyd, pay their stewards a fair living wage for their services and in that case the present rate of " tipping " is ridiculously high. . If, on the other hand, these men are expected to live on what they receive from passengers, it is high time H.E. Tieh Liang's resignation has been acthat a system derogatory to the Companies' cepted. H. E. Yih Chang, Minister at Berlin, dignity, degrading to their servants, and vexations to their patrons, was abolished, for the passage rates are high enough in all conscience

to include attendance. (Pinang Gasette). OPIUM IN CEYLON.

The following notification was tabled in the

Press-room at the Golombo Secretariat It is hereby notified that, in view of approaching changes in the law relating to onium. which will require that any adult , person who desires to be, supplied with opium for his own consumption shall be registered as a consumer of opium, and shall obtain from the Government Agent a certificate of such registration. which will entitle him to obtain a specified appointed by the Governor, all adult persons desiring to be supplied with opium for their own consumption should apply, not later than | Ox Tuesday morning Li Kwai, alias Kwan Po, Tue finances of Indo-China are so embarrassed tered as consumers of opium.

The applicant must adduce proof to the hard labour and four hours' stocks. satisfaction of the Government Agent, or chief headman, of the amount of opium which he is THE cucalypius trees, which were doing so Opinion hears there is a prospect of a fresh addicted.

THE other day a Chinese fitter in the employ THE Opium Regia in Indo-China finds itself ad used for storing building materials. The of the Electric Light Company broke into the in difficulties owing to the suppression of poppy premises formerly occupied by G. Bertolone growing in Yunnan and the steadily increato York Building, Chater Road, in broad day. sing dearness of the Beneres drug. The only light and tried to steal some brass fittings but remedy is a rise in the rates charged by the other matehods, and had it not been for a perfect was caught in the very act of decamping with | Regie to consumers. his illegotten gaine. The man gained access.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S RUBBER QUOTATIONS. The following quotations for rubber shares, by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie Anglo-Malays......33/ Batu Tigas 100/-

Bukit Rajahs......385/ Eastern Internationals 31/- prom. Golcondas140/-Colden Hopes 145/-Indragiria545 Jonglandors20/- prem. Kuala Lumpors 202/6 Ledburys 97/6 Linggis, 52/6 London Asiatics55/-Merlimaus......6/9 Perohs Rubber Trusts 50/3 prem. ex. p. Shelfords72/3 Sungai Kapara 65/-

RUBBER RETURNS.

The following January returns are noted Barpenden 3,045, United Sumatra 3,044.

United Singapores \$2.15

United Sumatras 13/9

CASTLEFIELDS. Kugla Lumbur, March 11.

It is understood that Castlefield Rubber Company is issuing fresh capital of one pound shares at fifty shillings premium: The Planters' Stores have a London wire to

the effect that Fine hard para is at rol4 per TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

London-Rank T.T. demaud France-Bank T.T. America-Bank T.T. Germany-Bank T.T. Shanghal-Bank T.T.74

Singapore-Bank T.T. per H.K. \$10074

Japan-Bank T.T.

Buying.z/q 7/26 4 months' sight L/O

4 months' sight Bar Silver was such "whole-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Moorken was docked at Kowloon on

H.M.S. Alderity came out of the Naval Dock

on Tuesday morning. H.E. Hai Liang gave a Lipper on the 16th inst

to the Chinese and Japanese journalists of Muk-

H.E. Shou Haun, Vice-President of the Army Board, acts as Interim Minister at Paking.

MR. W. I. Calboun, the recently appointed United States Minister to Chins, has left San Francisco on the T. K. K. S. Tenyo Maru.

eventful day. All we can say is-better luck succeeds to the portfolio of Minister of War and leaves Germany for Peking.

KWANG Tang was on Tuesday morning fine 5:60 or two months' hard labour for being in possession of 4 tales of opium, on board the s.s Sungklang. The fine was not paid.

THE torpedo boat destroyers Ratcherss an Ostrich have been badly damaged as the resul of a collision during tactical exercises of Beachy Head. The destroyers were towed to Davenport.

MR. West, master of the tug Cherub, was transferred to the Altas on her arrival here on Thursday, and Mr. S. Smith, late master of the quantity of opium from au authorised vendor | Dock Company's towboat Edith, took charge of the Cherub.

March grat, 1910, at the kachcheri of the district, of no occupation, was taken before Mr. J. R. I that the colony can scarcely pay its way. Inor to the headman of their division, to be regis- Wood, (Second Magistrate) for returning from I terest on a public works loan of 250 millions banishment. He was sentenced to one year's

accustomed to consume, the place from which | well in Government House grounds, at Sanda. | public works loan to the amount of 150 million and form of the use of it to which he is trees have been caten round about a foot below the ground and all of them will probably dis.

into the premises by unfastening the iron bers MR. A. M. Reith, the new manager of the across the boards with a screw-driver and found! Hongkong and Shanghal Banking Corporation; no difficulty in getting in. On Wednesday, he accompanied by Mr. Stephens, the retiring of a shocking accident on Wednesday night A: appeared before Mr. I. R. Wood, Second, enapager, who is about to sail for Hongkong, little boy while playing in the street web sailed. Police Magistrate, who personally proceeded; made an official call Wednesday at the to inspect the buildings and later in the day Ayuntamiento ppon Governor General Forbes, awarded the thief seven days' hard labour, at lat Manile. The chief executive also received the unfortunate victim's lag was almost need to be unfortunate victim's la

THE Bank of Taiwag has opened a branch at

LAST Saturday the Waiwupu gave a banquet to the Diplomatic Corps in Peking.

SIR Matthew Nathan is the latest suggested candidate for the office of Viceroy of India.

IT is reported from Paking that Sir John Jordan leaves for England, early in April THE traffic barnings of the Shantong Rallway

THE s.s. Hong Mon arrived from Singapore on Thursday with 1,266 Chinese passengers.

for the month of January totalled \$200,000.

THE TA Hing Government Bank has announced that its profits for the year amount to Taels

OME of the Grand Councillors has proposed that 500,000 defence troops should be enrolled for Tibet, Kokonof and Helning,

THERE has been no rain for a long time in Yunuan and the price of careals has become very dear and the people are suffering a great

VICEROY Hai Linng of Manchurla is determined to encourage agriculture and has instructed the lutendant of Industry to direct the prefects and Magistrates to organize an Agricultural Association A STOCK-BROKER'S clark of Montague St.

London, excused himself for getting drunk by saying that it was all due to the excitement over the rubber boom: "Pay 58.," sald the Alderman, A STOREHOUSE on the South Manchurlan Railway has gone into bankroptcy and great

losses have been occasioned to Chinese mer-

chants. An agitation is caused in Talren and Talionwan. THE cynic suggests that seeing the present price of Indian opium the best thing Government could do would be to change the chandu. quality and buy its supplies in China. - Singa-

pore Fres Press. MR. Gershom Stewart, M. P., formerly of Hongkong, took his seat in the House of Commons before o a.m. when the new Parliament-commenced on February 15. The meeting was opened at 2 p.m.

FOR statching a gold ear-pick from the person of a Chinese woman, a man was awarded six months' hard labour, six hours' stocks and twolve strokes of the birch at the Magistracy on Thursday morning.

MALAY women have now taken to tapping mbber on an estate, not far from Taiping, and two of them can be seen regularly at work. They are said to be quite clever at the job and remarkably clean and swift in it.

THE Hon. Transurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals bogs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals :-

THE general agent of the Shanghal Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited, has received the following telegraphic advice from the Deli Maptschappij, Amsterdam :- " Sold 280 bales tobacco at Guilders 1.3.

A CONFLAGRATION took place in Yokohama on the morning of 18th inst, which threatened to engulf the railway station. Over oop houses were burned. The fire is believed to have been caused accidentally.

FATHER Wilhelm, the French priest who visit-

30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 431 of Prince Ito, returned to Seoul on the 15th instant and proceeded to Pingyang the following 30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne ... 1/9 11/16 | dap to convey a message from An to his mother.

two parties. A MINE accident is reported from Gopeng in which a Chinese coolie was asphyxiated by foul gas, while another who want to his assist-

ance was also overcome by the fumes. A

European also made an attempt at rescue but

was brought up almost insensible. CHAN SHAN was charged on Tuesday morning at the Police Court before Mr. E. R. Hallifax (First Magistrate) with being in possession of 18 tack of prepared opium on board the sal Honam. A fine of \$500 was imposed or three

months' hard labour. The fine was paid. MANY of that large clientele who follow boxing with interest will be sorry to hear that the big fight which was due to come off at the Balls View Hotel on Monday has had to be postponed. The reason is that H. M. S. Kens leaves the harbour for her trails before the

next time. THE first prosecution under the new Stame Ordinance took place at the Magistracy on Thursday morning, when a rent collector was fined Sto. in respect of four summonses for falling to stamp receipts for sums varying from Say to: 524. The new enactment requires a five-cent stamp to be affixed to receipts for the sum of Sig or ovar of No.

A REPORT has reached Singapore of another gang robbery in Johore, in the neighbourhood of Jementah or Biswa. A kengka or estate was attacked by Chinese, the Kangchu (headman) was badly cut about the head and another man was cut on the leg. The reports of details are vague, but there seems no doubt of the determined character of the attack.

france, and military outlay account for twelve millions of the 35 millions dollars which stand this year for the colonial revenue: The Seiger

SHORTLY ulter sleven o'clock on Wednesday night, fire broke out at Chaung Chau in a match. matched was completely gutted the damage done being to the amount of Sans and a close proximity, to the demaged structure were two calm which at the time prevailed, the damage would have covered a far wider area.

THE village of Chenny Chan was the books ly approached by an infuriated dog and bitten on the right thigh, the would being so deep that

GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO MACAO.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

be made at Macao beyond the landing and call on Senhor Marques at Government House. The Britomart with the distinguished visitors

> THE MALAY "ANTI-OPIUM PLANT."

tween 7 and 7,30 o'clock this evening.

A little more than two years ago: we published a short account of the Malayan plant. Combretum Supdaicum, which was being put forward as a cure for the opium habit. Inquiries which continue to reach us with regard to this drug indicate that up to the present its reputed virtues have not been definitely established nor, on the other hand, has it been fully proved that the cures attributed to elther did not occur or were due to some other cause. In these circumstances it may be useful to summarize the small amount of addi tional information with regard to it which has been made available since the previous note was published. The use of the drug originated in the province of Selangor, Federated Malay States, where the plant grows freely; the leaves and twigs are prepared for use by roasting on an iron plate over a charconi fire. In a pape published in the Pharmaceutical Journal for January 18th, 1908, an account is given of preliminary investigation of the fresh and roasted drug by Mr. E. E. Harrison, who found both to contain a resin or resins, tannin. and phiobaphone (a derivative of tannin); alkaloids were proved to be absent, and no appreciable amount of any glucoside was found though slights indications were obtained of the presence of a glucosidal substance in very small quantity. A decoction of the drug, prepared in the manner recommended in Salangor, constained only traces of the resin, as was to be expected, and its principal constituent apbears to have been tanoin. Any medicinal virtue actually possessed by the drug must, of course, be ascribed to constituents soluble in water, and therefore extracted in making the decoction; the tanning of different drugs, while possessing in common, an astringent character, frequently have distinctive individual properties, and it appears not impossible that bodies of this nature might, be of use in mitigating the unpleasant temporary effects resulting from deprivation of opium after its use had become a habit. In an official report on the general situation in Chion in regard to opium by Sir'Alexander Hosie, published last year, a short reference occurs to the use of this drug in breaking off the opium habit, and mention is made of a statement of an English missionary that he had employed it in about to cases, and in every case it had been successful in promoting a cure, but no medical evidence as to its usefulness is cited. On the other hand, a commission appointed to inquire into gers relating to the use of opium in the Malay State, objained a good deal of evidence with regard to the usp of Combretum; and while the opinion of the lay witnesses was divided, the medical evidence was not favourable to the drug. This evidence included that of Dr. D. K. McDowell, C.M.G., Principal Civil Medical Officer in the Straits Settlements," Mr. M. J. Wright, State Surgeon at Perak, and several native practitioners. Combretum was stated to be of no more use as a cure than ordinary Indian les though its astringent constituents were said to have the property of stopping the diarrhoes which otherwise often followed the withdrawal of oplum. It cannot be doubted that if the treated to the edifying sight of side-channels drug possessed anything like the specific proparties originally ascribed to it, when its efficacy was stated to be proved in thousands of cures In a very short time, its usefulness must by now | morning signified the arrival in these waters have led medical men in China and other Eastem countries where the opium question is with Admiral Winsloe on board, The new acute to adopt it and report on the nature of its | flagship marks a unique period in the Colony's action. But even if it has failed to give results | naval defence scheme, as the Minotaur is the commensurate with the original claims, it is not I strongest and most powerfully equipped warship necessary to surrender whatever assistance it is lever sent out to the Far East. I can assure able to give as an accessory in the cure of the I the genial sait in command and his jolly tars a opium habit. It may be added that the opinion I most pleasant stay in our midst. expressed in our previous note on the drug that British pharmacy would probably provide a more suitable preparation for its administration than the crude decoction, was spon afterwards

LAUNCHES IN COLLISION.

justified by the appearance on the market of an

elixir, of which a notice appeared in the Journal

of April 11th, 1908.—(Bril, Med. Journal)

CHINESE MASTERS' CERTIFICATES

10th inst. Before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, Marine Magistrate, an inquiry was held yesterday afternoon into the circumstances attending the collision between the two steams launches Astor House Hotel and K7; on the morning of the 15th ultimo, in the waters of the Colony, against Leung Yau, certificate No. 737, master of the Astor House Hotel launch and Ko Shau, certificate No. 1,004, master of the K7, preferred by Mr. Lauge Gamesu.

Loung Yau stated that on 15th February at noon, his launch was alongside the s.s. Monteagle putting passengers' luggage on board. Part of the luggage had been out of his launch before the K7 came; about balf remained to be discharged. The K7 came up from astern, and ran bows on to him striking his launch starboard side aft. By models witness illustrated that the K. C came up from astern and glanced alongside striking his Colony's natural beauties, caught on with the launch just before the funnel. One rail visitors, I was one of the passengers on the stanchion was broken; there was no other launch one evening as a number of the visitors damage. The repairs cost \$5. The stanchion | were being taken on board the mammoth liner business.

Ko Shau stated that he wanted to go alongside the Monteggle. His launch was much out from either launch. In coming alongside | Hongkong is an enviable spot for other reasons he touched the other launch and damaged her | besides money-making and subber booms.

a little. He had no fenders on board his launch. The Court found Ko Shau to blame for careless and negligent management of his launch. Leung Yan also to blame for negligence in failing to have lenders out to protect his launca. Both certificates were suspended for one month. The damage would probably have been averted had the A y been provided with feeders.

NOTES BY TELE WAY. HONOKONG UNIVERSITY.

So the Hongkong University, which at one As appounced in our yesterday's issue, His | time was nothing more or less than a more Excellency the Governor left for Macan this | fantasy built on an ethereal foundation, is at ed by Capt P. H. M. Taylor, A.D C. Commodore | foundation-stone of which was laid the other H. Lyon, R.N., with Mr. Blanchflower, private day and fortunes made by dabblers in rubber secretary, also formed the party. The Governor | shares, Hongkong ought to make other counleft on board H. M. sloop Britomart, and as | tries sit up and look. The richly-deserved the visit is a purely official one no stay will elevation to knighthood of Sir Hormusjee Mody brings up our list of knights not in the Government service to three, which should be considered a fair number for this little Colony

on board is expected back in Hongkong be- 'I wonder on how many future students the new University will exert its influence for good in your hand for some days, I propose with and how many will make for themselves a name to be respected? It is to be devoutly hoped that within the walls of the University when completed will be found men in the making and that it will not merely be a machinery for the cramming of useless knowledge. This is my sincerest desire but whether I that desire will be fulfilled time alone can tell. A QUESTION OF CEILINGS. What is this talk of tearing away the ceilings and stair-linings of Chinese tenements? A

the last meeting of the Sanitary Board Mr. Shelton Hooper strongly objected to any thing which provided for making bouses rate proof and any attempt to conditionally term certain houses "unfit for human habitation. It seems to me that if all the Chinese houses which do not conform to the rules laid down by the Sanitary Department were to be called "unfit for human habitation," they would provide accommodation for all the pigs in the Colony with room to source for as many more I have not arrived at this statistical feat in a haphazard sort of manner, as you are doubtless beginning to imagine, but I was able to master the difficulty after having given the question very careful consideration and after having bisected and trisected the official turn of mind over and over again. It is difficult to imagine that in a matter where the convenience of bundreds of Chinese is concerned, and that's saying a great deal, the Sanitary Department should give expression to such a drastic proposal, providing as it does for the removal of part and parcel of every well-regulated tenement. 'They say that an Englishman's home is his castle, but what about a Chinaman Why should not the dictum apply to him with equal if not greater force? I wonder on what bare-brained project the Sanitary Department will launch out next? May be they will recommend the whole ceiling to be done away with in order to ensure the total disappearance of the rodents. I guess it would then be the fashion to while away the tedions hours when the typhoon season is upon as by writing epics. at a moment when the fury of the storm is at its zenith and creating lyrics on the subject of the beautiful canopy above hidden by a Hongkong mist. •

THE SPITTING NUISANCE.

Some time ago, as the result of the campaign started by the Sanitary Department in the cause of cleanilness, the Police authorities suddeply became imbued with a consuming desire to maintain the premises of the local Police Courts in a fit sanitary state. For this purpose they caused to be placed in the verandahs outside the Court-rooms, where all manner of people are wont to congregate every day, a number of cuspidors with a notice that those who desired to get rid of their phiegm should refrain from expectorating on the flagstone and kindly deposit the superfluous matter in the receptacle provided for the purpose. To provide against possible contingencies, the spittoons were actually fixed to the walls. This wholesome innovation was highly admired at the time it was introduced but a change has come over the authorities. The spitting crusade seems to have died patural death. (Sanitary Board please note.) Such a thing as a spittoon is now as extinct as the dodo and visitors to the Magistracy are I liped with expectoration." Why is this?

THE NEW PLACEHIP. The booming of guns early on Monday lof the new flagship of the China Squadron

THE AMERICAN TOURISTS. The appearance of a goodly number of Americans in our midst these last three days imparted a decided fillip to the atmosphere of Queen's Road. The true American is nothing if not unconventional and it was scarcely remarkable to see some of the elderly dames ensconced on various projections from the walls of buildings to allow them to snatch a breath after landing from the ship. Such blissful disregard of the dictates of rigid convention is indeed refreshing to behold. On the occasion of the visit of the last party of tourists, the sanguine expectations of local shop-keepers to realise a modest fortune sustained a rude shock when they made the discovery that the general inclination of the alleged curio-hunters was in the direction of turning the establishments almost inside out and then departing with, an insignificant purchase. Doubtless the shop-keepers must have thought their visitors were regular curios themselves. I wonder if John's unenviable experiences have been repeated this time? I am given to understand that the visitors who departed vesterday were a better crowd than the last batch from the point of view of shop-keepers. as judge from the remark one of them made to me: "This time blong more better." Really, there is no denying that the Americans, are a

shrewd race. THE YANKER'S GOOD TASTE. It is remarkable the way some of the

was made of iron; if was not broken, only bent. after the day's sight-sceing. The sun was just any other launches came up it was their busi- some actually declared that the spectacle beat again. ness to take care of his launch; it was not his | the splendour of the "Golden Gate" hollow. The bird's-eye view of Hongkong from the Peak tram also proved a revelation to the visitors, who one and all admitted that the tramway | previously not serious affection of the heart behigher than the other. There were no fenders | was a remarkable engineering feat. Methicks

> have capsized a bost near Pakret 'a' couple of that more teak rafts have been floated down days ago which was sailing close to the bank, to Bangkok, from the beginning of the year up by snatching at one of its occupants who had I to the present, than has been the case for the leaned over it for a can of water.

CASUAL ORITIC.

GRO. FBNWICK & CO., ZID.

AMNUAL REPORT.

The twenty-first ordinary general musting of shareholders in Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., was morning on a return visit to the Governor of last an assured fact. What with the Kowloon- held in the Hongkong Hotel at noon to-day for Macao. Sir Frederick Lugard was accompani. Canton Rallway, this new seat of learning the the purpose of receiving the report of the direct ors, and electing directors and auditor. Mr. G. K. Haxton (chairman of directors) presides Others present were :-- Messrs. A. Rodger, I Tester (directors), I. Forbes, J. McCorquodale J. D. Kinnaird, J. I. Andrew (general manager .The General Manager having read the repor convening the meeting, The Chairman; said :- Gentlemen .- The re

port and statement of accounts having been your permission to follow the usual custom and take them as read. I regret that we have once more to lay-before you a report which shows a balance on the debit side. As, however, most of you are no doubt aware, the past year has been about the worst ever experienced in the history of this Colony, and perhaps of the whole world, so (ar as engineering and shipbullding are concerned. However, hands since 2nd instant, and you will have seen we have been able to secure a fair share of the work offering, although at rates which allowed very small margins of profit, but has only been by the exercise of the most rigid economy that we have avoided an even greater deficit than that shown in the statement now before you. I am glad to say that we bave succeeded in securing a tenant for a small portion of our property at North Point, but a demand for concrete work in place of wood regret that, although several tentative inquiries have been received for the purchase or lease of to secure a definite offer. We still, therefore, contaxes and interest on mortgage on this, which, and contractors, and therefore having given the value of our stock of materials and plant, blocks and pipes against orders. We underwhich deduction has also been met from the stand that a similar attempt to push, concrete reserve fund. This reduction in the values has work at Shanghai has not been a success albeen rendered advisable by reason of the though in Manila and the Philippines generally, changes in the requirements of our business concrete buildings are greatly in favour and which make it doubtful whether the old values | considering the many points in favour of conof some of our stock could be realised and also to meet depreciation on such materials as I wiser in their generation than we in Onica, suffer from climatic influences. Your property,' I Then we had a claim for loss occasioned by the launches and machinery have been maintained in an efficient state of repair, while working | contractor's matsheds and as we were advised expenses have been reduced to a minimum. In: I that we would under the special circumstances view of the nature of the report now, submit- I have no defence in the eye of the law, we compreted for your consideration, the directors have moving the adoption of the report and accounts. I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions relating to the business and expenses of the special agent we sent of the meeting.

There were no questions. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. J. D. Kinnaird seconded. Motion carried.

tendance.

Mr. J. Forbes moved the re-election of Mr. Rodget as a director. Mr. McCorquodala seconded.

Mr. Kinnaird moved and Mr. McCorquodale seconded that Mr. H. Percy Smith be re-elected auditor.

Carried. The Chairman :- That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Thanks for your at-

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA. CONFIRMATORY MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the National Bank of China, Limited, was held at the offices of the Bank at Queen's Buildings, on the 'zoth day of February, 1910, Mr. C. Ewens occupied the chair. There were pre-D. Haskell, Lau Chu Pak, Sie Tak Fau, Pang I Sin Hang, Lau Wing Chung, Chau Ho Shang, Cheung Luk Ping, P. Davidson, E. E. Ellis

and P. Loureiro (acting manager). The Acting Manager read the notice of the

The Chairman proposed, Mr., P. C. Potts seconded, and it was unanim justy agreed that the following special resolution be confirmed :---118, 119, 128, 131, 132, 133 and 134 of the Articles of Association be struck out and

2.-That Articles B9, 93 and 154 of the Articles of Association be amended by striking out in Article 89 the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and last lines of such Article and by striking out Article 03 the word "ten" and substituting the word "three" therefor and by striking out in Article 154 the words him London" and the words "or Comwherever they shall occur in such

A subsequent meeting was held when the subfoined resolution, proposed by the Chairadopted nem con :-

substituted therefor:---The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal and the Seal shall never be used except in the presence of Director or of some person appointed by Managing Director or by the Directors .who-shall sign every instrument to which the Seal is affixed and every such instruct ment'shall be countersigned by the Secretary or some other person appointed by a Managing Director or by the Directors. The meeting then ended.

DEATH OF CAPI. L. PETERSEN.

AN OLD JAPAN RESIDENT.

We regret to record the death of Captain We have now a good market for it all over a tolerant, broadminded man of the world, Mr. Dage being placed at better rates. It was the covering board made of teak on setting in the west and the sky was lit up for a Lorenz Petersen, for several years a resident China, the Philippines and if McKle was also a Scotchman of an in- Sigon/Java; A fixture has been put through of them were aft, the other being against the ac- rose to view over the top of the purple-clad gaged in sealing and whaling in the north. and not have any one to attend to them. If most beautiful sight they had ever seen, while when he resigned, intending to go whaling sand bags for the North. It is always danger-

> went to Yokohama to make arrangements for least a little better this year than last. his proposed cruise, but a long standing though came more pronounced, and he entered the Yokohama Hospital about a fortnight ago short illness.—Japan Chronicle.

l lest six years.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT 'CO., LIB.

ARNUAL MERTING

roth inst. .The twenty-first ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the Green laland Coment Co., Ld., was held in the office of the general managers, St. George's Buildings, in the forenoon to-day, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Dividend warrants are now ready. general managers for the year ending 31st De-cember, 1909, declaring a dividend and electing a consulting committee and auditors. Mr. Robt. Shewan presided. There were also present :-- Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon, Mr. W. J. Gresson, Dr. J. W. Noble (consulting committee), Mesers, T. F. Hough, E. W. Terry, R. T. Bunje, J. A. Young, Fung Shui Wa, A Babington, Tong Lal Chun and J. Robertson (BECTOLETY).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-The 're-

port and accounts for lyuy bave been in your

from them that although our profit on working is slightly larger than that for 1900, we bave had to reduce the dividend to seventy-five cents per share on account of various special charges and losses which it is reasonable to suppose will not occur again. The first is a loss of \$18,146 on the concrete block and pipe business. We went into this in this hope of filling which perishes so quickly out here from the effects of climate and the attacks of white ants, further portions, we have not so far been able I but although we undertook the work at prices which we knew would leave us no profit, continue to be heavily handicapped by Crown rent. I crete work has not become popular with builders as you will see, has again been met by a call a fair trial we have decided to undertake no on the reserve fund. Acting on the advice of further contract work although, of course, we our valuator we have written some \$6,700 off I are in a position to supply at any time concrete crete, our American friends seem in this respect sparks from one of our engines setting fire to a I mised at once for about \$10,000. The third and again decided to forego their fees. Before I last exceptional item is \$15,638 expenses incur-I red in obtaining the concession to quarry limestone user Haighong, principally the salary down for the purpose and legal and other charges. We are now receiving steamer cargoes of this stone regularly and although we still have the everlasting hills in China to rely on, and the supply there is quite unlimited. need not enlarge to you upon the advantage of baving two strings to Our bow in the matter of raw material. In addition to these items we are able to write off about \$18,000 more for depreciation than we did the previous year, and until we get our overdraft at the Bank reduced we must continue to put aside as much as we can in this way. . Interest paid \$30,040 is a heavy charge too against our profits, but by reducing our debts we shall also raduca this figura and climinate it altogether in time. Taking all this into consideration think we are quite justified in anticipating that our next profit and loss account will show t larger balance for appropriation as I see no reason to suppose that our sales will show any falling off, quite the contrary. Looking at the balance sheet you will notice that our expenditure under various beadings on capital ac count was much less than before and, I am gladto say, is now at an end as we do not contemthis afternoon, for the purpose of confirming. plate any further additions to plant and machi and hope to spend nothing. But all we have dignity of partnership in the firm. sent:-Messrs, Ellis Kadoorie, P. C. Potts, E. spent has been solely with a view to increased efficiency and economy in working costs for it I is a great deal gained if we can reduce the cost of manufacture by even only one cent a barrel and I am glad to say that we have done much more than that. The two principal items of expenditure were for a new packing house and rodown and a new boiler and boiler house for should simply have had to stop working whenand crushers to reduce the cost be struck out and the following Article merely happened to be so. Both items have events that were open to him on the card. since been reduced in the ordinary course and to-day we owe sundry creditors only \$62,000 McKie was quite as successful as in the field while sundry debtors owe us \$150,000. The of sport. As a business man he had few superioverdraft at our Bankers is still large and will ors in the East, and his loss will be felt in be increased by payment of the dividend but many other undertakings and concerns besides after that we thope to see it steadily decrease. that of Messrs, Jardine Matheson & Co. Bold, At Hok Un we bought a small piece of ground | enterprising and farseeing, he was one of the which was offering at a very low figure and carliest and most successful advocates of the which will be useful to us as it adjoins the lindustrial development of China by the aid of factory and we have also paid the balance of railways and the introduction of modern the purchase money of the property at Canton, reachinery. His work in connection with the further boat on time-charter, the German s.s. title deeds for which are now in the hands of Shanghai-Nanking Railway, of the Board of Landrat Scholf. The new Bangkok crop is the British Consul. As to the future and this Commissioners of which he has been a member | reported to be an exceptionally good one, and year's business in particular, our prospects since the beginning, was especially valuable are quite good. Our make is a universal and his wise counsels will be very greatly regular run will not only find sufficient and favourite with engineers, and continues to missed by that body, grow in favour with everyone who tries it,

About the end of January Captain Petersen be disagreeably surprised if we do not do at There being no questions,

report and accounts. Mr. T. F. Hough :- Having already received our Chairman had said, there is very little for SEVERAL more crocodiles have been seen up This year has been an excellent year in teak, the general managers on the way they have contional circumstances. With these few adoption of the report and accounts. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. F. Hough moved there election of "ir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Dr. J. W. Noble to the consulting committee. Mr. E. W. Terry seconded.

Mossrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin were re-elected auditors on the motion of Ma Tong Lai Chun seconded by Mr. Fung Shul

The Chairman :- That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged to you for you attendance and to Mr. Hough for his remarks,

THE LATE MR. JAMES MCKIB. AN APPRECIATION. "

At five o'clock this evening when the lunera

of Mr. James McKie takes place, a thoroughly good and representative citizen of Shanghai will be laid away to rest, says the Shanghai Times of 15th inst. He will be buried in the Old Cemetery at Pahsienjao, near many of the friends and associates of his earlier days in. at \$335. in these Settlements-among them the late Mr. John Macgregor, at one time his honoured chief in Ewo. He had been ailing since the middle of January and although it was known from the beginning that his illness (an affection of the liver) was one of the most serious character, his friends did not abandon hope until the last and their confidence in the constitutional strength and vitality of the patient seemed to be justified by the endurance which he displayed throughout his sufferings. A weaker man would have succumbed long ago But prolonged though the struggle was, it was not destined to be successful, and death took place at the General Hospital at twenty minutes past six O'Clock vesterday morning to the profound and abiding sorrow of the entire community. The only consolation which Mr. McKie's friends can find in the sad event was practically painless.

The whole town was plunged in genuine sorrow vesterday when the doleful news be came known. The flags of the Shanghai Club. the Country Club, the Race Club, the Cricket, Rowing and Recreation Clubs, and all the other Clubs of which Mr. McKie was a memher, were lowered to half-mast, and the same mark of mourning was exhibited on all the steamers of the Indo-China Fleet in port.

At the annual general meeting of the Shanghai, Chamber of Commerce yesterday the following reference was made to the sad occurrence. After the reading of the motice "convening the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. W D. Little, said:

"Gentlemen: Before praceeding with the business of the mesting I would venture to refer to the deals of Mr. McKie, which occurred this morning, Mr. McKie has not been a member of our committee, but his firm has always been a very active supporter of the Chamber. Mr. James McKie, both in his commercial and social life, will be very much missed. I am sur we all join deep sympathy with his firm and friends at his demise in the prime of life."

Mr McKie was, for one of his physique and strength, a young man, being still in his fiftyfirst year. He was born on June 30, 1850, at Ersking, Reofrewsbirg, a village in which his father was a Minister of the Church of Scutland. Here he remained until he was of anough to be placed in a bigger school than the village afforded, when he was sent to Hagland and enrolled as a pupil of the Manchester Grammar School, an ancient foundstion and one of the best known in the United Kingdom. Having here received thoroughly sound and liberal education, M. McKin turned his attention to commerce, and having learned the piece-goods business in all its branches he secured an appointment in the firm of Messrs, Jardine, Matheson and Co., in whose service he came to Shaughai rathe more than thirty years ago. In this greatcertain resolutions which were passed at the nery or buildings which form a very complete house he has remained ever since, and thanks extraordinary meeting of the Company held and modern factory as they stand. So far this to his splendid abilities has risen steadily from year we have spent nothing on capital account the lowest rung of the clerical ladder to the 54/3. London Asiatics were placed at 147/6,

In his early residence in Shanghai, Mr McKie-ra man, as we have mentioned. superb.physique, was, a noted and successful athlete. He particularly favoured aquatics, in all branches of which—swimming, rowing, gownies were sold at various rates between \$170 fishing, waterfowl-shooting-he excelled. Swimming Club, of which very lew of the memthe rotary kilns. It we had not had the first we | bers now survive, and the records of the Shapphai Rowing Club contain many proofs of I.-That Articles 112, 113, 114, 115. 116, 117, ever our stocks of finished coment accumulated his prowess as an earman. For several seasons and as for the latter it enables us to keep up he rowed No. 5 in the Scottish Eight, in the steam on an inferior and cheap coal whereas old days when the regattes of the B. R. C. used formerly it was all we could do to keep the to be held on the broad but tortgous factory running at full pressure on the best reach of the Snochow Creek between the Australian coal. The other items were in- Cantonese Cemetery and the point at dividually small, the largest being \$5,000 for a | which the Markham Road Bridge now spans hopper barge for removing refuse ashes, &c. the stream. He was also conspicuous in but by it alone we saved \$200 a month. The cricket, and, in somewhat more recent years same remarks apply to the expanditure at in golf, and he was always a splendid hand Macao which, however, was not heavy. with the gun up country. But it is in connec-Nearly all of it was spent on conveyors tion with the turf that his fame as a sportsman of is probably most widely known. He was never | close a scarcity of tonnage is making itself felt. turning out dry clay and crushing clinker, a great rider himself, his weight precluding As I said before nothing was spent without him from acquiring much distinction in the a clear object of either increased efficiency saddle, but, in his time, he was the owner of or reduced cost in view, but we seem now to several great ponies. The most famous, per- being prevented from advancing to a fair level, have done about all we can in these respects, haps, was Standard, a racer which several man and seconded by Mr. Lau Chu Pak, was You will also notice that the amounts against old sportsmen in Shaughai still remember in sundry creditors and sundry debtors were un- connection with a certain memorable meeting That Article 154 of the Articles of Association usually large at the end of the year, but it in Hongkong, when he won nearly all the 144 and 16 cents per picul, small and medium

In the more serious interests of life Mr. I neglected. A simple, upaffected, kindly gentleman, and

which the stanchion was mounted that was considerable distance with a golden glow, of Kobe, and whose total residence in Japan | we were ever pushed for more outlets we could tensely patriotic type, intimately familiar locally at last rate paid. broken. He had three fenders out, but they which evoked the artiess admiration of the extended over some thirty years. Captain we know find them still farther afield, but at with the proud, romantic history of his were on the part side. They were all between spectators. Their admiration of the beautiful Petersen first came to this country in command present it seems that we have quite enough to native country and thoroughly infused with have been chartered at \$1,80 per ton. his launch and the accommodation ladder. Two' scene reached a pitch when suddenly the orb of a sailing-ship, and for some years was en- do with the places I have named and our own its chivalric, generous spirit. That his fine local market which have easily taken all we character was thoroughly appreciated by his tonnege in various directions up North, rates commodation ladder. He put them aft because hills like a bright ball of fire, on which the About twelve years ago he returned to Europe. | could turn out. For the moment our prospects | fellow-Scot men was evidenced by the honours he was alraid some launch might come and longing gaze of the onlookers was fixed, accom- but came back to Japan about two years later, are all that we could wish, we have sold to with which they delighted in loading him whenrun into him. It was the custom of launches | panied with delighted exclamations. Some of and joined the firm of Nickel & Co., with date more than we did this time last year, and ever occasion offered, chief among which may to put all their fenders out on the ship side, them were heard to remark that it was the whom he remained until the end of last year. we have just closed a contract for eighty thou- be mentioned the coveted Presidency of the St. Andrew's Society which he held some five years ous to prophery, so I shall only say that I shall | ago. But esteem and affection for Mr. McKie were not by any means confined to the Scotch | Hongkong \$1.80, Hongay/Canton \$1.80 per ton. people in the community. He commanded the respect and love of all sections of our cosmopoli-The Chairman moved the adoption of the tan population and he certainly deserved all the honour in which he was held-for a staunche. kinder, more generous friend in time of need. where he died yesterday, 9th inst, after a very | the report and accounts and having heard what | a finer example of all that is lefty and commendable in Scottish character, never walked me to add except to tender a meed of praise to | the Shanghai Bund than Mr. James McKie, | Rates obtained in most instances must be con-He had no relatives in the East but he has an | sidered very satisfactory. Particulars will be the Menam recently. One of these is said to in so far as Siam is concerned. It is stated handled the affairs of the company under ex- early schoolmate and a lifelong friend here, Mr. W. C. Murray, to whom, as well as to the remarks. I have pleasure in seconding the members of Mr. McKie's firm, the condolences of the community may be tendered to-day with fility say brobuldta

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the weak, Messts. R. S. Kadooris and Co. write on :8th inst :- A fair business has been transacted during the week and several changes of importance have occurred, especially in some of the Shanghai stocks. Rubbers continue to provide a sensational market and in most stocks further sharp advances have to be recorded.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks has ruled very steady since we wrote last, the price being unchanged at \$960 and in London £88. 15/. Nationals are also unaltered with buyers

Marine Insurances.—Cantons have been sold at \$170 and more could probably be placed. Unions have again changed hands at \$910. North Chinas are quiet at Tls. 115 and Yangtsess at Tis 230. Fire Insurances.—China Fires are inquired

for at \$100; and Hongkong Fires have been 'parted with at \$333, closing firmer with buyers Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao

Steamboats have been dealt in to some extent at \$304. Indos are in demand at \$65, and in Shanghai at Tis. 49. Shell Transports have further strengthened to 84/... Refineries,—China Sugara have improved to Sizz, but shares are scarce. Luzons can be placed at \$11. Perak Sugars, which should

really now be classed with the Rubber stocks owing to their large interests in that commodity, have jumped to Tls. 850. Mining,-Raub's have received some attention at \$5 to \$6}. Headwaters are asked for at

P. 1., Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. are quoted at Tis. 18

Docks, Wharves, and Godowns,-Hongkong and Whampon Docks have had a further set back and Soo is the best price now obtainable. Shangaai Docks are slightly weaker with sales is the knowledge that the end, when it came, at Tis. 82. Kowloon Wharts have also weakened since the dividend of \$24 was paid and buyers only offer \$604. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharfs are quoted in shanghai at Tis. 115 ex the dividend of Tis. 4.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings .- Hongkong Lands could probably be obtained at \$101. Humphrey's Estates continue strong with huvers at SB1, Hongkong Hotels are offering at quotations, viz., -\$110 for the old shares and SBc for the new. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$28. Contral Stores are offering at \$15. Cotton Mills,-Hongkong Cottons have been

taken off the market at \$5. Ewos have been. sold in the North as low as Tis. 127. Other Northern mills, according to mail advices, are as follows:-Internationals Tis. 62, Lau Kung. Mows Tis. 70, Soychees Tis. 370.

Miscellaneous.-Dairy Farms have again found buyers at \$18. Chica Borosos are firm at Sol ex the dividend of 60 cents just declared. Hongkong Electrics are still in demand at Szoł. China Lights bave been parted with a \$6 and Green Islands at \$7.15. Obina Provid-Lente are steady at 581. Steam Laundries are inquired for at \$5. Both Shangbai Sumatras and Langkats show an enormous advance on iast week's prices, the former having jumped to Tis. 400 and the latter to Tis. 1,325.

Rubbars.-Anglo-Malays were sold during the week as high as 34/- but at the close come alightly easier at 32/6. Allagars are quoted at Sales of Batu Tigas have been effected at 102/6 and 104/- and Bertams at 9.9. Bukit Kajangs were placed at 62/6 prem., but with a strong demand close firm and none are obtainable. Castlefields have advanced to 120/- at which price they are on offer. Eastern Internationals have been sold to London at 30/3 prem. for the 10/- paid up shares. Golden Hopes, aftersales at 132/6, are on offer from London at 145/. Kuall Lumpurs have changed hands at various rates up to igt/- closing steady at 200/. Lanadrons, partly paid, were sold at 95/- premium, and the fully paid shares at 152/6 and 157/6 and at the close none are obtainable from London under 167/6. Ledburys, after sales at 96/6 during th, week, are slightly easier at 95/- buyers, Linggis have been bought from London up to 150/- and 152/6. Sungei Kapars rose as high as 176'- during the week but at the close come easier at 170/-. Tandjoogs are firmer and in demand from London at 70/- premium. Sasfields have inquiries at 122/6 premium. Baland Side. Changkat Serdangs have been was one of the founders of the old Dolphin | booked at \$21, and close in further demand, Sandycrofts have been in very strong demand and show a considerable advance on last week's augtation. Sales have been effected at various rates up to \$554. Pegohs have firm inquiries and \$46 has been done. Glenealys have found

PREIGHT MARKET.

puyers at \$2} and United Singapores at \$2.15.

Messrs. Lamke and Rogge write in their reight circular of 19th inst:-The general tone of the freight market, especially in the South, is a decidedly better one, a fair amount of business in the way of time-chartering has been done during the interval under review, and at the Several good paying freights are left untouched, yet there being no steady demand for any particular trade, rates of freight in some directions are Saigon/Hongkongs-The local rice market

has been very quiet, from Saigon to this only some few fixtures have been done at between size, whilst larger boats have altogether been

· During last week there was no special demand for prompt loading, whereas inquiries after prompt tonnage from Bangkok, have reached this market, resulting in the fixture of a medium-sized vessel at 27/20 cents, allowing some downward cargo free of charge. At is a noteworthy feature that after a very long interval Bangkok is again in the field for outside tonnage. The Chino-Siamese line have taken up a

lit is to be hoped that the two rivals on the profitable employment for their boats, but that the market will also allow further outside ton-

To carry stones from Quangyen two steamers The North:—There is also more demand for have stiffened and everything points to some

improvement soon. It is reported that the port of Newchwang will re-open about the 24th instant.

Coal Freights.—Fixtures have been done as follows : --- Wakamatsu/Canton \$2.50, Moji/ Tonnage to load from Japan is being eagerly inquired for, but even at much enhanced rates charterers find it impossible to secure any.

Time-charters.--There was a sudden strong demand for handy-sized boats and again soveral vessels found employment on time-charter. most of them intended for southern trade. found in the list of settlements.

Sail Toppage Loading or to: Load -- For Baltimore and New Yorks-None.

Sail Tonnage Disengaged:-None. Departure of Sallers -- Mone.

THE SHANGRAL AND HONGKEW WHARF CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in the above named company was held at' the office of the general sgents, Messrs, Jardine Matheson and Co., at Shanghai, on 15th inst., Mr. David Landala presiding. There were also present Messrs, A. MacLeod, C. "Wrightson and H. A. J. Macray (directors) M. Young, Barnes Moss, C. Barff, St, Oroix and Duncan Glass.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

· . THE LATE MR. MCKIE.

Before proceeding to address the shareholders on the report and accounts the Chairman made the following reference to the death of Mr. James McKie :-

Gentlemen :-- Before commencing the business of this meeting I feel 'I must refer to the loss which your General Agents; and indirectly also this company have sustained by the death yesterday morning of Mr. James McKie. ' H business capacity and good fellowship were too well known in Shanghai for it to benecessary for me to say more than that I am sure that am voicing the sentiments of many of you

saying that we deplore the loss of a friend, whose place it will be hard to fill, Proceeding, the Chairman said :- The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and with your permission we will take them as read. I am sorry to say the year's working shows a further falling off in our earnings which is due to the dull state, and consequent greatly reduced volume of the import trade during 1909. Four years ago your Chairman pointed that we had been turning away cargo, and that increased godown accommodation was pecessary, and this has since been provided. -There has been however no repetition of the congested state of the Import Trade, and the reduced quantity of goods coming forward has gone more rapidly into consumption. Com petition has also increased not only from privately owned godown, a form of investment which must have been a disappointment to many. Although we have not yet been able to reap the full advastage of our increased godown accommodation, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are now in a better position to handle a fair share of the trade of the port than we have ever been before. Turning to the accounts the working account shows a credit balance of Tis. 325,000 which gives us a credit balance of Tls. 281,221.83 in profit and loss a/c. To pay a dividend of ... \$ 41,600.00 We have already paid an interim dividend of Tis, 3 per share which leaves us with a balance of Tis. 17 1,221.83 to deal with, and your directors, recommend that a final dividend of Tls. 4 per share be paid, Tis. 20,000 be placed to repairs a/c, and Tls. 9,221.83 carried forward Last year our repairs cost us Tis. 42,826.70 which leaves us with a balance of Tis. 7,173.30 at credit of repairs account, by adding Tis. 20,000 referred to above. Your directors and

general agents are of opinion that a sufficient sum will thus be provided to meet any expenditura that is likely to be necessary this year. I am glad to be able to tell you' that generally" speaking your wharves and godowns are in excellent condition, though it must not be forgotten that a wooden wharf is not a very permanent structure and requires to be constantly renewed. During the year we have paid sheaks on the entire frontage of your property on the Shanghai side of the river and now hold title deeds out to the Conservancy Normal Line, Before I sit down there is one matter I must

touch upon and that is to express the regret of your directors and 'general agents at the retirement of our superintendent, Mr. Duncan Glass. It is over forty years ago that Mr. Glass joined the office of your general agents and for the past fifteen years he has filled the post of superintendent of this company's property. He has ever been hard working and zenious in the interests of those he served and will I feel sure when he leaves at the end of. By dividend on shares in public this month carry with him the good wishes of

to ask I shall be glad to answer them to the best of my ability. Mr. Barff-What is the meaning of "Equal. By forfeited dividends..... Isation of dividends account?" Dies it mean that it should be used in a year like we have gone through at the present moment?

If any shareholder has any questions

The Chairman-I think it is the view of the directors that, so long as the company can pay seven per cent, we should not call upon the equalisation of dividend fund. Mr. Barff-During the last 'ten years you

have paid an average dividend of 15 1-2 per cent and last year to per cent. Now we have had a bad year and I thought the directors might possibly see their way to encroach upon that fund. Is it that the prospects are not so good? In'1906 and 1907 you paid us 18 per cent, and now 7 per cent. I thought the directors might have encroached on the fund, unless of course the prospects are not quite so bright as they were. '*

The Chairman-The prospects depend upon' the quantity of cargo that comes to Shanghai, for us to handle. The feeling of your directors in recommending this distribution of profit was that if the company could pay 7 per cent. we should not encroach on the equalisation of dividend fund.

Mr. Barff-How do you compare this year with last year? Are the prospects any worse? The Chairman-I don't think they are any

Mr. Barff-Are they better? Fow do the two months of this year compare with last The Chairman—They are very much the

There being no further questions the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :-Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. McLeod .- That 'the report and account as

presented be adopted. Proposed by Mr. St. Croix and seconded by Mr. Young-That Messrs. A. McLend, C. W. Wrightson, H. A. J. Macray, A. M. Marshall and the senior representative of Messrs, lardine, Matheson and Company Limited be re-elected directors for the current year,

Proposed by Mr. Barnes Moss and seconded by Mr. Barff-That Messrs G. R. Wingrove and H. W. G. Hayter be re-elected auditors for the year.

The Chairman-That is all the business gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

EXECUTION OF A CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY.

SEQUEL TO ATTEMPT ON PRINCE TSAL.

Shung-sing-ki, the Chinese revolutionary who recently attempted to assassinate, Prince Taal in Manchuria on his way home from Rurope, was executed at Kirin on Monday morning, the 28th ultimo. Before his death, says a Dairen dispatch to the Authi, the prisoner wrote details of the disturbance in Anhui province. In this document the prisoner stated that the object of the disturbance was purely the reformation of the Mauchu Government; it had no connection with friction between the Manchus and the Chinese proper. The paper was written in such a sublime and affecting tone, concludes the dispatch, that | Furniture and fixtures, those who read it shed tears of sympathy.

THE HONGKONG HOIBL COM-PANY, LIMITED. ANNUAL REPORTA

The report of the board of directors for the half-year ending 31st December, 1909, for prescutation to shareholders at the meeting to be hold on Saturday, 26th inst., is as follows :--Accounts.—The profit on working account

amounted to \$51,740.04, as compared with \$42 461.49 for the corresponding period of 1908, being an increase of \$9,278.55. The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$19,272.49 brought forward from 30th June, 1909, shows a credit balance of \$77,877.01

which the directors recommend should b apportioned as follows:-To pay a dividend of \$2.60 per share on 12,000 bld shares\$ 31,200.00

and \$1.30 per share on 8,000 new shares\$ 10,400.00 -\$ 41,600,00 To transfer to repairs and renewals To write off furniture and fixtures ... To write off installation of electric 5,000,00 light.....

To carry forward to new account ... 1,277.01 \$72,877.01

Directors-Dr. J. W. Noble retires by rotation, but offers himself for re-election. Audit,-The accounts have been audited by Messrs, H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe, C A. who offer themselves for re-election, EDWARD OSBORNE, Chairman.

Hougkong, 17th March, 1910. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st December, To Crown rent '..... To rates To fire insurance To depenture interest on \$750,000 at 3 per cent, \$ 22,500.00 Less returned on debentures held by the company Polinterest account To balance, to be appropriated as follows:-

To directors less To transfer to repairs and renewals a c... to,000,00 To, write off furniture and fixtures a/c..... 15.000.00 lo write off installation

of electric plant a/c/ To carry forward to new a/c ...-..

\$101,304,6 By balance from 30th June,

Less dividend \$31,958.80 Less transfer to repairs and renewals s/c lo.coc.co Less written off furniture and fixtures account 5,000,00

Less written off installastion of electric light a/c 4.000.00

\$ 19,272.49 By tept of shops and offices. new building By rent of Hotel Mansions 23,100.00 By scrip and transfer fees By had debis recovered By premium on 103 shares......

By profit on Hotel working account for the six months ending 1909 ... \$101,304.80 REPAIRS AND RENEWALS ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st December, 1909 To payments on account of repairs and renewals during the half-year

ending 31st December, 1909 \$ 14,422. \$ 14,422.4 By balance from 30th June, 1909 ... \$

By amount transferred from profit and loss account as recommended By balance...... · \$41,422.4

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1909. Liabildlien.

12.000 shares at \$50 each (fully paid up) \$600,000.00 8,000 shares at \$15 each paid up 200,000.00 1,500 mortgage debentures (6 per cent.) 750,000.00

Less 699 ditto held by the company ... 349,500,00 Reserve fund....... 648,975 Sundry creditors Unclaimed dividends Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (current accounts) ... 215,890.02 Profit and Loss account balance as

per statement..... \$2,193,411.45 ASSETS. Value of Marine Lot No. 5 and remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 3 and remaining portion

of Marine Lot No. 7 and buildings bereon, as per last account \$1,094,815,49 Since expended on alterations and additions to buildings 4,732,71 Praya reclamation, Marine Lot

No. 288, as per last account and buildings thereon ("Hotel Mansions") Rebuilding south block, payments on account to date Cost of Three Chinese Houses on Bections B., C., Fand D. of Inland Lot-No. 80..... Cost of Kowloop Farm Lot No. 3 Section A

as per last account 149,995 15

Less written off, as per report Installation of electric light as per last ac-

Less written off, as per Jast report Repairs and renewals account as per statement Stock of linen, crockery, glassware as per inventories Stock of wines, provisions, household sundries, and stationery as per inventories Shares in public companies...... Value of steam launch, as per last account

Sundry debtors Liceuses attaching to 1910 Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (unclaimed dividends account) Cash in hand

count 1 19,000,00

\$ 2,193,411.45 SHANGHAI VOLONTEERS.

1,443.90

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN 1. M. DAVIDSON The Headquarters of the Portuguese Co., S. V. C., on the Range Road, was the scene of a very pleasant and interesting little ceremony on Monday evening when Captain J. M.

Davidson, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, who has been associated with the Company since its resuscitation, and is now compelled by ill-health to go home, was presented by the members of the Unit with an illuminated adof toth inst.

Shortly after 6.30 p.m. Captain Davidson arrived at the Company's Headquarters, follow-2,612.90 od by Lt. Col. A. A. S. Barnes, Commandant. 3,162.32 | S. V. C., and Major T. E. Trueman of the Municipal Council. The Company's brass band then played the Portuguese National Authem. after which the company adjourned upstairs, where Captain J. Nolasco, on behalf of the Portuguese Company, S. V. C., read the following address which was bound in a bandsome light-blue satin cover:-

> Shanghai, 1910. Capti J. M. Davidson, 3rd King's Liverpool Regt.,

Dear Sir, On the eve of your departure from Shanghai, we, the members of the "Porour appreciation of the very many favours of which we have been the recipients from your hands.

you have given us many proofs of the interest you have in us, and we much regret that our Company is not on such a smart footing as to reflect the credit which is due to such a capable Officer as yourself.

Although you will soon be far away from u devoting your time and energy to a more deserving cause, you may rest assured that here in Shanghai, at least in one Unit of the S.V.C. your name and person will ever be cherished as that of a true friend—if we may be permitted to use the expression.

In bidding you and Mrs. Davidson "Bor Voyage" we sincerely hope and pray that you be spared many years of life, and that happiness and prosperity may daily cross your path We are, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully.

ON BEHALF OF " PORTUGUESE" COMPANY, S.V.C."

At the conclusion of the reading of the address Captain Nolasco called on all present to drink to the health and prosperity of Captain and Mrs. Davidson, which was done right heartily, being followed by three rousing cheers and a tiger. Captain Nolasco, in the course of a short

speech, said the Company would miss Captain Davidson at their drills, rifle meetings, social functions, etc. They all regretted his departure as he had always been a good friend to the Company and had taken a keen interest in their welfare from their first formation. H had been very patient with them and what they knew was due entirely to his painstaking effort on their behalf. The speaker then presented th address and smoking set, which bore a suitable inscription in Portuguese, and asked the recipical, when making use of the smoking se and he was watching the smoke clouds rolling away to the unknown, to let his thoughts float back to the Portuguese Company in Shangha who would always remember him with kindle feelings. In a few days he would be far awa from Shanghai on the ocean, bound towards his homeland, but he could rest assured tha he took with him the very best of wishes of the Portuguese Company who owed him so much

Captain Davidson in reply said that he had always taken an interest in the Portuguese Company. When the Company was formed Colonel Watson asked bim to take it in hand From the very first he found the member willing, and although they were drilled in ar entirely new system to them they showed great willingness to learn, and they persevered in their work, and the result was that in five weeks' time .io a "March Past" they were like a brick wall in alignment They were enthusiastic and took an interest in their work, and that was the reason he took an interest in them. They had steadily improved both in their drilling and they were always up to their full strength. Especi ally after the late riot they kept up their enthusiasm and he was glad to see that it did no show any signs of lagging. He might be able to return to Shanghai in five years, and if he did he would be glad to take an interest in them again if they wanted him. He then thank ed the Company for their presentation, which he said would always serve to remind him o

the Portuguese Company, S. V. C. The Band then played a musical selection after which the proceedings terminated. Captain and Mrs. Davidson will travel home by the steamer Theseus, leaving here to-day, as owing to ill-health the Captain wishes to get the benefit of a long sea voyage;

DISASTROUS FIRE IN TORYO.

A HUNDRED BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

hours of the 1st instant, the scene of the outbag dealer at Osbiagecho, Honjo. A strong northerly wind was blowing at the time, and district where the water supply is scarce. Do-144,268.47 | spite the strenuous efforts of the firemen and steam-pumps, 120 houses were completely detipguish it when they left the place.

THE LATE MR. J. MOKIE. THE FUNERAL.

The old cometery at Pahsienian was the scene on Sunday afternoon of the funeral of the Times of 15th last. To pay their last tribute of respect to one whom in life they had held in high esteem, a representative throng of Shanghai's leading citizens attended, and those unable to be present sent wreaths. A large number of the hongs in town also added their floral tributes, and at five o'clock when the mournful procession filed into Chapel the chancel was piled high with a beautiful collection of floral tokens of regard and grief, 'The Chapel was crowded, many having to stand in the aisle, and here the Rev. A. J. Walker conducted a brief but impressive service. The coffin, on which was a brass plate with an engraving of the name of the deceased, wax then carried slowly to the unoccupied portion of the Comstery and here as it was lowered into the grave Mr. Walker offered up

The principal moumers were Messrs, D. Landale, W. C. Murray, L. Midwood, and B. D. F. Beith, while the pall-bearers were Messrs. W. F. Inglis, R. Macgregor Bro- 'sixtieth semi-annual general meeting of the die, A. Clarke, L. Camera, J. E. Gresson, Geo. Payne, H. D. Morrison, and A. K. statement of profit and loss covering the last Graddock. Among the general body mourners were the following:-Sit Pelham to the ecomonic conditions in general as well Warren, K.C.M.G., Sir Havilland de Sausmarez. Lt. Col. C. D. Bruce, Lt. Col. A. A. S. Barnes, Dr. Gilbert Reid, Messrs. S. Barton, A. P. Wood, T. R." Wheelock, G. M. Wheelock, E. R. Morris, H. Middleton, E. Hall, H. A. J. Macray, A. Corbet-Smith, H. E. Keylock S. S. Sellick, R. S. F. McBain, H. J. Such, pot be freed from the continued de-Carlson, D. Siffert, J. H. Brett, H. King during the period referred to was such that we Hiller, F. W. Potter, A. W. dressand silver-mounted smoking set as a token W. L. Gerrard, .H. T. Wake, T. Morgan ever, ideal good weather having prevailed during of appreciation, reports the Shanghai Times | Phillips, D. McNeill, W. A. C. Platt,-E. O. Pearce, F. Ayscough, John Prentice, G. R. Wingrove, C. M. Bain, K. D. Stewart, J. M. Young, H. J. Craig, H. Reiss, J. H. Osborne, T. H. U. Aldridge, T. E. Trueman, K. McEuen, J. H. McMichael, H. J. Clarke, W. L. Merriman, W. M. Dowdall, F. A. Cumming, R. I. Fearon, G. D. Coutts, G. H. Potts, H. H. Read, C. S. Barff, H. Edblad, C. W Keswick and a large number of others.

> RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFBRIORITY OF JAPANESE GOODS.

VIEWS OF YOKOHAMA MERCHANTS.

The Yokohama guilds of Japanese merchants have drawn up a memorial with regard to the tuguese Company, S.V.C.," have been assemble complaints of the inferigrity of Japanese goods ed here to-day to offer you a small proof of which are so generally heard in the foreign markets, and have presented it to the Government. As will be seen from their views, which we publish below, they seem to attribute the From the very formation of the Company I deterioration in quality of Japanese goods mainly to the result of what they term the I "Settlement trade."

DEFECTS ON JAPANESE SIDE.

(1) In the beginnings of foreign trade the export of most Japanese goods was undertaken by foreign merchants more for the sake of novelty than for the purpose of permanent trade, and the sellers, as a rule, did not concern themselves much about the quality of the goods they supplied.

(2) Many of the goods which are now regarded as important articles for export have i either been newly manufactured or modified to suit the taste of foreign markets, but the manufacture of these goods is neither based, on mature experience por a full understanding of the taste of the purchaser. Moreover, many of these articles are more for the purposes of organient then for practical use, and this circumstance is also responsible for having caused a general deterioration in goods for export.

dreamed of making a fortune at a stroke, and they did not pay much attention to their re- of crops in China, coupled with a revival of putation, as would be the case with those who . carried on a fixed trade for many years. It is not surprising, therefore, that they were not very particular in the quality of goods they taibuted to the acute slackness generally exsupplied.

(4) With a low exceptions the Settlement | dustrial sections of the country, trade is carried on through samples and at a inquiries of various parties before giving out an order it is inevitable that competition should occur among the Japanese traders, with the result that the price is gradually lowered, and this adversely affects the quality of the article. (5) The manufacture of most export goods is carried on under most irregular and disconnected conditions. Much trouble and delay not unnaturally arise before an order is executed, and the endeavour to execute the order at a stipulated time frequently leads, to the turning out of inferior goods. DEFECTS ON THE POREIGN SIDE.

(1) Foreign buyers, as a rule, desire to obtain goods as cheap as possible because low-priced articles command a larger market than highpriced ones. They are ignorant of industrial conditions in Japan, and do not seem fully cognisant of the fact that a low price necessarily produces inferior quality.

among the better-class people at a price that will suit the purse of the lower classes." The tion of quality. (3) Foreign merchants are, as a rule, desti-

tute of a sufficient knowledge to discriminate nice points in the quality of Japanese goods. For this reason, they invariably prefer lowerpriced articles to the higher-priced even though the latter is better in quality unless it is evident on the surface.

(4) Most of the Settlement foreigners' being of goods if they offer profit. Consequently ing that American capitalists are now disposed they often lack the necessary knowledge in to join the labour agitators in an anti-Japanese do not seem able to give careful attention to should extend the fullest welcome to the the future of the trade in particular goods.

to buy for their clients abroad as cheap as pos- I this friendly attitude. sible, with the result that they are not infrequently induced to attach more importance to British; Foreign Office, declaring that it does price than quality.

The causes coumerated above combined have to a material extent — Japan Chronicia . . .

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK. HALF, YEARLY MEETING.

The sixtieth half-yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Yokohama Specie Bank late Mr. James McKie, reports the Shangkai- took place in Tokyo on March to when the following report was passed :--The directors nubmit to you the annexed

statement of the Habilities and assets of the bank, and of the pyofit and loss account for the halfyear ended 31 st December, 1909. The gross profits of the bank for the past

half-year, including yen 1,155,841, brought forward from last account, amount to ve 11:331,669, of which yen 8,374,261 have been deducted for interest, taxes, current expenses, rebate on bills current, bad and doubtful debts. bonus for officers and clerks, etc., leaving a balance of yen 2,957,407 for appropriation. The directors now propose that yen 350,000

be added to the reserve fund, and recommend a dividend at the rate of twelve per cent, per annum, which will absorb you 1,440,000. The balance, yen 1,167,407, will be carried forward to credit of next account.

BARON TAKAHASHI'S SPEECH. The President spoke as follows on the report:-Gentlemen,-In submitting to you at thi shareholders a general balance sheet and of half year, I may be permitted to refer briefly

as to the working of our bank. The slackness of the money market, which prevailed in the previous half year, has continued during the period under review and is spite of the gradual distribution of merchandise in this country, business in general could Gulland, Geo. Miller, Captain pression. In short, our economic condition have not been able yet to recover from. How l-last summer the country was blessed with unusual abundance of crops at the autumn harvest, and tariff questions in the United States of America baving been settled our trade with that continent was once more made to move forward, and further the various diplomatic negotiations with China were in succession settled. In view of those favourable circumstances and also there being nothing apprehensive as regards the juture of the money market, the Bank of Japan lowered the rate of interest in the month of August, when the market began to feel a little activity, and trade generally likewise showed a tendency towards gradual recovery. But in consequence of the great fall of the price of rice in anticipation of abundant crops, and 'also the duli state in the raw silk trade, the situation became low and discouraging and all grades of trade suffered further depression in the keenest degree, making the effect of depression felt more than ever. The money market became more and more ipactive, interest on loans further declined, and all the native banks were in such a state as to be upable to find proper outlet for

> their upemployed money. In short, the general economic conditions this country in the period under review was that although the depression was "universa alike in cities and districts owing to the enter prises generally having not yet regained the point of prosperity, to the tendencies of the unceasing curtailment of government expenditure. yet in view of the easy money as already mentioned and also of the absence of any pessimistic circumstances around us, a revival of gener al prosperity may not possibly be very far from

Turning to our foreign trade during the lashalf year, we find that the merchandise export ed amounted to yen 205,000,000 and imported to yen 179,000,000, making the total of yen 445,000,000. These figures as compared with those for the corresponding period of the year preceding show a falling off amounting to ven 3,800,000 in imports, but show an increase by yen 20,800,000 in exports, resulting in a net increase of yen 17,000,000 on the whole. The (3) Most of the Japanese who engaged in the | increase in exports is due principally to the Settlement trade at the outset were recruited return in the economic state of European and from the ranks of irresponsible traders who American countries to normal and favourable levels, as well as to the comparative abundance trade in that country, influenced by the recovery of the price of silver to and at about 24 nence. The decrease of imports may be atperienced throughout the commercial and in-

As already mentioned, although our domestic fixed price, and as Settlement foreigners make | business was in a dull state, yet the foreign trade having maintained comparative briskness, the foreign exchange business of this Bank had correspondingly shared and shown an increase over the previous year.

Thus, parallel with the increase in the amount of our foreign trade, our banking business was in a favourable state and the result of our last half year's work was comparatively fair. Despite the no small loss having been sustained at our Kobe Branch, the profits' made by our Head Office and other Branches having been ample, it is with satisfaction we mention that, after making good the above loss, we have still been able to leave a net profit amounting to yen 1,801,566.36 yen and to declare the dividend at the usual rate. We have the drafted the appropriation of these profits and now submit the same to your consideration and adoption.

In concluding this address I ought to men-(2) There is a marked tendency among for- tion that on the conversion issue of the 4 per eigners to buy goods that have been in demand | cent Loan Bonds of yen 100,000,000 by the Government last month, this bank has acted as one of the syndicate for underwriting, and inevitable consequence of this is the deprecia- at the instance of the Bank of Japan this bank shared in the work of its flotation, of which I trust you will approve.

IAPAN AND AMERICA.

CRITICISM IN TOKIO AND LONDON,

London, March 14. The correspondent of The Times in Tokio commission merchants, they handle any class states that the Japanese newspapers, recognizsome of the lines in which they deal, and they campaign, consider it essential that Japan enterprise of a nation whom she always persists (5) The Settlement merchants have also in regarding as her oldest friend,

Meanwhile The Morning Post criticizes the

not show much real, prevision or judgment. Secretary, England, it is said; is encouraging Japan to disproduced the steady deterioration in quality of regard her solemn angagements and to trample | and confirmed. Japanese goods. For this reason, the charges upon the principle of the open door and of dishonesty or unscrupulousness can hardly equal commercial opportunities. "Is it sur- Visiting Nurse was approved and the Secretary A great fire broke out in Tokyo in the early be laid at the door of Japanese merchants or prising," the Morning Post continues, "that manufacturers, as the inferiority of quality there is thunder and lightning at Washington same, break being the unoccupied house of a straw- has been brought about by inevitable cir- and that Mr. Knox and Mr. Schiff are cumstances. Foreigners, on the other hand, on the waspath against British policy. are not indifferent to the quality of goods they accusing Britain of intriguing with Japan 621.897.68 the flames rapidly spread southward, into a buy, but the limitation placed on the price at | against the United States? In plain words which they are allowed to purchase has com- we are picking the chestouts out of the pelled them to accept inferior goods, however fire for Japan and are encouraging her to unwillingly. When the general scope of ask for more than her share, thus makstroyed and 23 others partially so before the manufacturing industry in Japan shall have ling ourselves and our Ally deservedly up. fismes could be got under control. Among made more progress and the Japanese traders | popular with our neighbours. The whole prothe houses destroyed was the Tokyo Poor have come to employ more aggressive methods | ceeding is suicidal and unnecessary. We are Asylum," It is stated that some coolies were in business, being not content, as hitherto, acting to the detriment of China and of British working till late the previous night in the merely to supply what is ordered, as has hither- commerce with the United States, in the teath 1,929,636,25 | house in which the fire originated. The men to been the case, the complaints regarding the of our solemn agreements. Let us hope that lit a fire to warm themselves but failed to ex- inferiority of Japanese goods may be lessened wiser counsels will yet prevail in Downing Street,"-N. C. D. News.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

Mining and Milling Report for four weeks ending February 26th, 1910. BUKIT KOMAN.

340 ft. Level Cross-cut E. extended i8 ft. total length from hanging wall lode 100 ft. 340 it. Level N. A winze has been snuk to ft. on the hanging wall lode, to test the portion of lode standing: it will be sunk some

440 ft. Level.N. (main drive) advanced to ft. total length 523 ft.; no improvement in value since last report.

440 ft. Level S. No. 2 Winze sunk 14 ft total depth 68 ft. the lode carried in this winze is of the usual characteristic (patchy) sometimes good samples are met with, the average assay for the month however is only 1.75 dwts;

440 Level N. A drive, to test the hanging wall lode in a cross-cut in the N. stope, was extended 26 ft. in a N. and S. direction, the lode being 48 inches wide, assaying 3,28 dwts. The winze mentioned above (340 ft. Level N. is being suck on to this point

Intermediate 440 ft .-- 540 ft. extended No. 13 ft. and S. If ft, giving a total length of 47 ft. The lode is poor, only averaging one dwt per

540 ft. Level/121 ft. drive S. advanced 12 ft. total 1B7 ft.

. 540 ft. Level N. from E. cross-cut on footwall lode, extended 17 ft, total 32 ft, the lode. here has improved, and the average for the four weeks being 54 inches wide, assaying 10.5 dwts:

Stopes, 440 ft. Level N. 450 tons assaying Stopes, 440 ft, Level S. 710 tons assaying

Stopes, 540 ft.-440 ft. 320 tons assaying x

Stopes. 540 ft. Level 280 tons assaying 1.60 Bukit Koman main shaft is being prepared for the sinking of another too ft. : to do this a new plunger lift must be placed at the 540 ft. level, and the two bucket pumps, now in the shaft from the 340.ft, level to the 540 ft, level must be removed. This operation will take some time as unforescen difficulties have been encountered; however I hope all will be in

readiness to sink in a month or two. STOPE MINE.

160 ft. Level N. advanced 15 ft., total 376 ft. 160 ft. Level S. advanced 8 ft. total 1.18; ft. As the lode carried in this drive is pour and broken a cross-cut has been put out W. to intersect the other parties of lode which should be standing in this (W) direction. 160 ft. Level S. No. 3 Winze sunk 8 ft.

total 49 ft. ... The Stopes in this level produced 1,252 tons of stone, assaying 16 dwis per ton,

ANDERSON'S 260 ft, Level N. advanced 25 ft, total 261 ft. The lode in this drive has improved in value. assaying 6 66 dwis per ton, over a width of 60 inches, this being the average for the at it driven through.

260 ft. Level S. extended 21 ft. total 184 ft The lode in this drive has become poor and patrow, and I am not satisfied that it is the main lode, consequently cross cuts are being driven both E. and W. to prove if any lode. matter is standing in either direction.

The Stope on this lode produced 167 tons of stone assaying 2.18 dwts per ton, which is below the average in value. Stope N., on W. Branch, produced 200 tons

of stone, assaying 6.06 dwts per ton. The Main Cross-cut W. 260 ft. Level has been further extended 14 ft. giving a total length from shaft of 98 ft. ; this with a view of proving whether the quartz seen at surface W of shaft extends downwards.

The Air Shalt S. of Anderson's is now down 124 ft., and the Rise from the 160 ft. Level up 6 ft. Probably this will be connected during the next four weeks.

During the Chinese New Year a number of poles on the Transmission Line were changed. At Sempam Power Station extensive repairs and renewals were carried out. At Bukit Koman Mill several adjustments

and repairs to the machinery were attended to. MILLING SHEET FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING "FEBRUARY 26TH, 1910." BUKIT KOMAN. 40 stamps ran 24.71 days. Loss of 3.20 days

in changing poles on "transmission line," goaeral overhaul of machinery, clean up, &c., &c. Stone Crushed: Bukit Koman 1251, n 2,840 tons

Huntington Mill ran 26 days, Loss of 2 days caused by changing poles on transmis-Stone Crushed: Stope and Anderson Bukit Koman Total 3.102 tons Producing Amalgam: 3,600 0zs. Retorted gold 1,440

1,428.744 Ozs. Average yield per ton 8.024 dwts. Value of tailings I dwt. per ton. BUKIT MALACCA. No. 1 Mill ran 21.5 days) Crushing 583 tons of sione from Stope & Auderson Mines. Producing Amalgam

260 ors. Retorted gold-Average yield per ton Totals. Tons crushed 3,878 ozs. Amaigam Retorted gold 1,538 " Bullion 1,518 744 021. Average fineness 925,346 yield per ton 8.025 dwts.

RULANGSU. (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Wm. J. OATES,

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at competition to face among themselves, and try . British commercial circles warmly welcome the Board Room, on the 22nd February, 1910. Present :- Messrs, W. H. Wallace (Chairman), J. S. Fenwick, C. Lee, J. Mencarini, Lim Nee Kar, the Health Officer and the

The minutes of the last meeting were read

The appointment of Miss M. Kranenburg as was instructed to publish a notice concerning Leave of absence, without pay, was granted

to Miss Kranenburg for the month of April, as an engagement for that month was entered into by her before she accepted the post of Municipal Visitors Nurse.

The Captain Superintendent of Police reported that the Mixed Court had remained closed "under seal" since the last meeting. Ordinary routine business was transacted. (Signed), W. H. WALLACE,

Chaleman:

Hongkong Scientist's "Dream."

SBARCHING FOR THE ORIGIN OF TYPHOONS.

ME. PLUMMER SEEKS TO HARNESS THE SUN.

A remarkable: work on "The origin o typhoons," which we confidently predict will attract the attention of meteorological experts and scientists all over the world, has just been issued from the pen of Mr. John I. Plummer, M.A., Chief Assistant at the Hongkong Observatory. It repais all preconceived ideas regard. lng the origin of these tremendous forces of nature which have wrought such havec Hongkong within the past four or five years and seeks to establish a theory which is intensely interesting even to the lay mind. Whether it will be accepted by the scientific world is another question but the work is certain to establish the reputation of Mr. Plummer as an coniginal and profound thinker and one who must be seckoned with in the future.

Probably it will be best to state, in the first instance, the conclusions at which the author has arrived. 'He gives them as follows: 1st. That the earliest beginnings of typhoons

must be sought for on land, and not at sea, and. That the great currents which have their birthplace in the Sahara, the central parts of Asia, the plateau of Mexico and perhaps in the interior of northern Australia, must not be neglected in the meteorology of the world because they are serial, and are not felt at the make a stronger appeal at present surface. They must reach the sea level at some time and place and then produce results comparable with the intensity of the forces to which. they owe their existence.

3rd. That one typhoon is never the cause of another, and that if a succession of them is seen to proceed from one limited area at intervals of a few days, as it is well known they are very upt to do, they are caused by separate impulses impressed on a permanent if slowly moving zone which we may, perhaps, call the meteorological

equator of the globe. 4th. That a typhnon once formed does not tend to coalesce with another but, on the contrary, rather, repels it, and in the final result the one becomes intensified, as it were, at the expense of the other.

Finally, that once the actual condition of the whole of the world becomes thoroughly known there will be no difficulty in understanding the origin and mode of working of these devastating storms, and, although it sounds more like a dream than the sober anticipation of science, so to turn the superabundant energy of the sun to beneficial account to mankind, that even such unruly disturbances may become more suave and gentle in their operation.

Such are the conclusions reached after twenty years' experience of typhoons in Hongkong. We take it that the reader should not ! assume from the first conclusion that typhoons do not originate at sea, although that might be considered as Mr. Plummer's contention on a cursory giance at the words. On the contrary, the writer clearly states that, "typhoons generally, perhaps always, originate in the open What he maintains is that the difficulties attending the observation of the beginnings of typhoons at sea are so great as to be almost on land to the same extent at all events.

Dr. Doberck, 'the former' Director of 'Hongkong Observatory, pursued the usual course, but Mr. Plummer is convinced that in doing so his former chief was wrong and he gives excellent reasons in support of his belief. We will not go into them, or dwell on the highly technical character of the thesis in its early stages. Inecessary for the permanent success of schools; Although there is doubt as to the place of origin,-that is to ray the place where desirable end than by following the example they become perceptible to the trained ob- of the Hongkong University, which has the server, "We have also been brought to the hearty support of the Hongkoog Government suspicion, almost to the bellef, that the place and the co-operation of wealthy merchants, of origin of cyclones is not the open seathat is merely the point at which, they become appreciable at the surface of the earth-but over head; that the cause of them, however mysterious and unexplained at present, must be sought in connection with the unequal heating of the land and the sea."

There are four regions which have attained

is that typhoons arise from local peculiarities I tinued. Bay of Bengal than the Arabian Sea, which is I tion in the Philippines thoroughly. two prominent ones. It the first place, they | time. East of the largest of the continents but embraces not less than four such islands. Borneo, . . Asked how long he intended to stay in the

yond its limits.

It is a matter of congratulation that an which it is proposed to extend the lines. Observatory has recently been established at of Luzon, where it is to be hoped that the make when you return to England," was asked. Nosong Point and Mempakul and stretching on return passed it to Piddock, who made an so that further light may be expected eventually am looking thoroughly into the situation here, an earlier number that drilling machinery had who scored the first goal for the Club. The Mexico from this station. On the other hand it would I understand that this is a wonderful country, already been ordered, in fact, we know that play was now very close and both teams Australia be useless, or nearly so, to establish a station and one with great possibilities, and I intend to Mr. Chittenden came out this last time with tried batd to score a try, which they could not apon the Peak of Hongkong, the altitude is study the transportation problem thoroughly," the express intention of drilling, insufficient and the area of surrounding high he replied. Observatory is in North Borneo somewhere the principal sights of the port. near the boundary of the British possessions, or in Madagascar. But we shall probably have hair is tinged with grey, and has red cheeks and

even be mooted. The work as the reader will perceive is intensely absorbing to every thoughtful mind and If it may not bring the writer monetary reward it will cartainly increase his claims to distinction in the realms of the science to which he has devoted the study of a life time. "The Origin of Typhoons" is published by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.

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4th Iune to exercise their rights.

HONGKONG ONIPBRSITY.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM SHANGHAL

The laving of the foundation stone of the Hongkong University on Wednesday was an event of great importance, especially to the large number of Chinese whose interests are more or less bound up with the commercial prosperity of Hongkong, writes the Shanghai Times editorially. In the completion of the scheme for the founding of the University generous contributions were made by British firms: but the Chinese also came forward with hearty support. It is to be noted that British merchants of Indian extraction took a prominent part in the inauguration and carrying forward of the plans. It can thus be rightly said that the movement for this University has been mainly 'Aslatic.' Hongkong will prove a desirable location for a University on modern lines, -b which is meant a University in which Greek and Latin scholarship are not foremost. Although situated at one corner of the Chinese Empire. it is easily available for students, and there can be but little doubt that when the University is in running order students from all parts of China will be found in its halls. It is a pity that the scheme proposed by Lord William Cecil has not been made a part of the Hongkong University, and perhaps some method will still be found by which an amalgamation of interests may take place. It can scarcely be expected that a division of forces will result in benefit for either party, and the Hongkong scheme being on broader lines than that of Lord William Cecil is sure to the support of British philanthropists. congratulate Hongkong upon the results already attained, and express the hope that future success may attend the University. The real displayed by British merchants in

this matter should be emulated by wealthy Chinese in all the Provinces. We have frequently called attention to the present full in the educational movement in China. There is still much commendable activity, and many schools, both Governmental and private throughout the "Empire, are doing good work; but on the whole there is not the same zealous spirit exhibited at the present time as was found in China a few years ago. This has been due, in large measure, to the difficulty which the Government has found of appropriating large sums for educational purposes out of the present restricted revenue. Without the imposition of a special educational tax it is difficult to see how the Government can do much more in the immediate future than it is now doing, The co-operation of wealthy merchants in providing money, and of the leading literati in accepting positions as teachers, is greatly to be desired. It must be recognized that the profession of teaching is not a lucrative one, and that the establishment of good schools calls for a large measure of self-sacrifice, not only from those who contribute funds, but also from those who devote their lives to teaching. The lack of continuity of management bas acted a deterring influence in keeping young men from devoting their lifelong energies to school work; but, if the co-peration of the people with the Government in the establishment of schools could be secured, permanency of management could also be maintained. It insuperable. But these difficulties do not exist has been discouraging, in the past, for young men to give a few years of carnest work to a school, only to find themselves dismissed on account of a sudden change of official management. This could be remedied by provision which would divorce the appointments to the management of schools from ordinary official promotion. Continuity of plans is absolutely and we see no better means of attaining this

SIR CLIFTON ROBINSON.

TRAM EXPERT AT MANILA,

" No. I am not going to give any impressions the "bad pre-eminence" of being most proper of the Philippines now," said Sir Clifton Robinto typhoons—the neighbouthood of Mauritius, son on board the steamer Zafiro at seven the vicinity of the West India Islands, the o'clock this morning, 15th inst., " if I could do Bay of Bengal and the seas which wash the that, then the trip I am now making to the South East of China, the Philippines and other sislands would be useless for I could sit down neighbouring islands. To quote again: . In London and dictate to a stenographer The inference to be drawn from these facts without ever seeing the country," he con-

in the land surface—using the word local in a Sir Clifton, accompanied by his wife and son rather wide sense-and not in cosmic influences Clifton Jr., arrived in Manila this morning which would at least approach uniformity for on the Zafiro from Hongkong, having come the whole world. Else why should Yokohama to that port from Europe by the German Mail. be more invaded by them than San Francisco. He is here as a representative of the Speyer which is in nearly the same latitude, or Hong. Interests, which control the Manila Railway kong than Shanghai and New Orleans, or the Company and is to look into the railway situa-

merely on the other side of the peninsula of Talking with a Times representative on the Hindostan? We have thus to look for the ship this morning, before the arrival of the specific peculiarities which these four districts party which took him on shore, he said that have in common, and which are not equally the field for investment in foreign enterprises possessed by others, and cannot fail to notice by English capital was large at the present

are all situated to the East or South East of . "I do not mean that there is a panic, or any. great continents, and secondly, that they all thing of that sort in England," he said, "but embrace one or more of the larger tropical the field for investment that will bring adeislands of the globe, and further, that the most | quate returns in the home country is so limited remarkable of the four is not only to the South Lihat capital Is looking overseas for safe and profitable investments,"

Mindanao, Luzon and Formosa, with Sumatra, Lislands, Sir Clifton said that his visit here would Petroleum Syndicate, before leaving for Eng-Java, Celebes and New Guinea" only just be. be for some months, but its exact length he did land recently, kindly supplied the B. N. Borneo not know. He expects to go over the exten-In his concluding remarks, Mr. Plummer sion plans of the company thoroughly and to the following:-

country far too small. The Japanese have a Sir Clifton is well acquainted with other papied by the find of what promises to prove up, and passed the sphere to Oliver who scored high station on Mount Tsukuba, but this is too parts of the Orient baving made previous visits a very valuable oil, has, however, caused a north to shed much light upon this question, to this part of the world, but, this is his first change of plans and Mr. Chittenden in conse- put up a second goal for the Club. The I would not say that one on Mount Morrison, trip to the Philippines. He was the designer in Formosa, might not be more useful, but the 'of the Peak tramway in Hongkong which has point I should prefer as the site of an elevated | bren operated for so many years and is one of

The baronet is a man of average height, his to wait many years before such a project could merry blue eyes. He is easy of approach and a man of unfailing courtesy.

> THE OPIUM CAMPAIGN. PROGRESS IN SEECHUAN,

Yarchou, March 15.

poppy. I have not seen a single poppy plant. sie pleatiful and cheen.-N. C. D. News.

THE CHINESE PLOUR MILL CO. LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING

The fifteenth annual general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at Shanghal on 16th just. There were present -Messrs. A. McLeod (presiding), H. J. Such, Chas. Rayner and Walter Scharff (directors), J. M. Young, A. C. Hunter, O. Ritthausen, Chang Yuen-ching, E. H. Glbson and R. E. Kadooris representing 819shares.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman spoke as follows:-Gentlemen :- The printed accounts ant report having been in your hands for some time, | with your permission, take them as read. The accounts have been made up on the same lines as in previous years, and call for little comment on my part. On the Dr. side of the balance-sheet you will observe "sundry creditors" stands at Tis. 217,935.07. This amount represents, chiefly, the overdraft with bankers, December 31, 1909, and is covered by stocks valued at Tis. 218,216.47 All our stock of flour, bran, etc., have since been disposed of at prices above those at which they were valued when stock-taking, "Bills Payable," Tis.

4,053.76, have since been taken up, and repre-

sent cost of gunny bag, etc. The profit and

loss account shows a balance in our favour of

Tls. 42,647.96, which the directors propose to

deal with as specified in the report, viz:-General managers' participation in Tis. profits as per agreement 3,414,28 Write off buildings..... machinery 9,700.00 Pay dividend at the rate of Tis. 3

Machinery: Our power and milling plants are in excellent working order. The greatest. attention is constantly paid to the upkeep of the machinery, and all necessary repairs are immediately attended to, and the cost of such repairs is charged to the working account, The erection of the same plant as the shareholders now own would cost considerably more than the present book value. A number of additions to the machinery, costing Tis: 3.947.25 represent an exhaust arrangement whereby the cleaning department is kept free of fine dust, thus not only reducing the wear and tear of the cleaning machinery, but also minimising the possible danger of fire. It also includes a valuable wheat receiving plant in the godown which enables us to clean all the wheat as soon as it is landed. doubt you will be aware Chinese whea. is very dirty, and wheat stored in such a condition is certainly more liable to turn bad and get heated than wheat cleaned before being stored. From machinery account it is proposed to write off Tis. 9,000 from last year's

With the buildings and property I should like to deal together. After writing off Tis. 3,000,00 from buildings, as proposed in the report, the figure representing this item is below Tis. 100,000.00. The property shows a book value of Tis. 38,014.58, but like the buildings, this figure is much below its actual value. If an expert valuation was made on the property and buildings, it would most probably reveal figures showing that the capital liability of the company is fully covered by the value of these two items alone. As pointed out in the report, the directors have kept on improving the property by acquiring small adjoining lots of land, raising such land with ashes from the boilers sand stone, in which impurities the native wheat is unfortunately so rich, also by filling in old creeks. The total area now owned by the company is about 40 mom and the value of the land, including the bunding and refiners in Japan Proper,"-Japan Chronicle. jetty, may be estimated at Tis. 4,000.00 per mow, making the total value approximately Tis. 100,000.00 against the book value of only Tls. 38,014.58. The buildings in our opinion are worth fully so per cent more than their book value and if you total up these valuations it will be found that the sum total is tantamount to the capital of the company, all the other assets like machinery, furniture, tele-

phone shares, representing additional security. These remarks are all I have to say on the balance sheet now before you, but before moving the adoption of the accounts I shall be pleased to answer any question the shareholders may wish to ask me.

proposed, and Mr. Such seconded, that the and passed. This was carried.

Mr A. McLeod was re-elected a director, on stolen goods. So far no arrests have been the proposition of Mr. J. M. Young, seconded I made. by Mr. A. C. Hunter. Mr. A. C. Hunter proposed the re-election of Messrs, Lowe, Bingham and Mathews as the

company's auditors. This was seconded by Mr. Young and carried. It was appounced that dividend warrants would be posted to-day, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thacks to the Chairman,

proposed by Mr. Young. PETROLEUM IN BORNEO LONDON SYNDICATE HOPEFUL.

Mr. Chittenden, general manager of the B.B.

Herald with information from which we take see personally most of the country through The B. B. Petroleum Syndicate, Ltd., have applied for a lease to work petroleum on certain good few runs up the field, but no tries could "Will the future building operations by the lands on the West Coast, the boundaries they make. Later Claxton got possession of Bagulo, 4,000 feet up, amidst the high lands company be based upon the report that you enclosing all the territory lying between the leather and passed it to Pearce, the latter

Further geological examination, accom-

quence returned to England by last Marulu, We understand that owing to the complicated nature of the top overlying structure, several boles may require to be drilled before the underground formation containing the oil can be of which fell to Sloman, and Crowley scored correctly located; this means a large expenditure and we believe efforts are to be made to obtain further capital before commencing the task. The syndicate has so far called up but one-half of their subscribed capital, but handled as it is by practical business men the intention is, we understand, not to proceed further until first assured that more than sufficient funds are available to carry the work to a successful civilians now did not give the sallors many THE British New Guinea Snowy Range ex-

conclusion. In the course of a journey extending over In connection with the issue of Kamuning | Rigid inquiries absolutely confirm the pre- The dimensions of the lot are 110 feet by 60 feet | ing was done when the whistle went for time. B. Shares, to Linggi shareholders, Messrs, vious reports that the growth of poppy has and has an annual Crown rent of 16 attached Guthrie & Co., of Singapore, are informed by been abandoned. As a result, land has de- to it. It was put up at the reserve price of cable that sharebolders will be allowed up to preciated twenty-five per cent and food-stuffs \$330, and sold to Mesers. Leigh and Orange

SUGAR REFINING IN JAPAN.

EXCESSIVE PROTECTION OF FORMOSA INDUSTRY.

The Nicki Nicki publishes an Interview with a cortain prominent business man-who-is-interested in the sugar industry regarding its future in Japan Proper and in Formosa. This authority declares that the Government giving too much protection to the sugar industry in Formosa even at the cost of its decline in Japan Proper and he is inclined to believe that though the industry is in a very prosperous condition in Formosa at present, the excessive protection may ultimately lead to an adverse reaction. The writer proceeds:-

"The existence of a feeling of antagonism between the sugar men of Japan and Formesa of the notorious scandal that has shaken had been connected with our Company since the credit of Japanese economic circles to its inception both as a member of directors and that corruption in some shape or other is to rise in his memory. The report and accounts inseparably attached to the sugar industry pro- | have been in your hands for some time and with natural that those who are interested in the in- as read. The Mill has worked satisfactorily dustry are refraining from any movement have throughout the year and the result which you ing the object of securing the protection of the have before you must be considered in every State. Looked at from the viewpoint of the consumer, the present policy of the Govern- months of the year under review the position ment leaves much room for improvement, and has been exceedingly unfavourable for the it is almost certain that, unless the situation is. cotton industry. The inclement, weather duameliorated, an active agitation against the ring the autumn enabled farmers to bring Government will break out sooner or later.

sion as a result of the Japan-China War the per picul: with such high prices the vexed R. Government set about the encouragement of question of watered cotton has become P. Curris, c King, b Kerr the sugar industry on the island by according more acute than ever and there seems very every available assistance in its develop. little prospect of this avil being overcome. H. Rapp, not out. ment. Protection or encouragement is given Prospects for the present year are not favourin various forms and under different names, able owing to the unsatisfactory state of the and it is estimated that altogether Formosan local market. Fortunately we have been able crude sugar receives assistance smounting to secure a fair quantity of Indian cotton atto 70 to 90 per cent. of its value. It is not advantageous prices, so that our Mill is not surprising, therefore, that the sugar industry in entirely dependent on this market. Reverting Formosais becoming more and more prosperous. to the accounts you will see that the year under So far 40 million yen of capital has been review has closed with a balance at credit of invested in the industry on the island, and the profit and loss account of Tis; 132,410,20 in-

for the encouragement of the industry in Oking. wa prefecture. This is a mere bagatelle com-Formosa. When the revised tariff comes into | ability. operation and the duty on crude sugar is raised to so per cent, the refiners will be prevented from using cheap lava sugar as at present, and will be obliged to use Formosa sugar, which is comparatively higher in as presented be passed. price. The market price of sugar turned out by us g the Formusa material will be Y21.05 per 100 kin at the lowest. Such an increase in the price will be keenly felt by the obliged to dispense with the use of white sugar | director to take the place of late Mr. Woo-Sawaltegether in favour of brown. Thus the sugar refiners in Japan will be plunged into difficulty side by side with the growing prosperity of the Formosa sugar men. At present 120 million kin of lava augar is annually imported into lapan, but it is computed that onethird of this amount,-that is, 40 million kin.--is to be obtained from Formosa this year. The decline of the refining industry in Japan will not be conducive to the advantage of Formose in the long run, as the falling-off in the demand for crude sugar together with the growing increase of production will result in the loss of the equilibrium be- I lowing ;-tween demand and supply. Altogether it looks inevitable that a serious question will arise on this subject unless the Government is induced to pay more attention to the welfare of sugar

THEFT AT THE BOYS' OWN

MEMBERS' PROPERTY STOLEN.

On Friday night the premises of the Boys! Own Club were robbed. The missing articles. were the clock, football and personal belongings of members of the Club. The property stolen is valued at over \$75. It is suspected that the "boy," who was in charge of the matshed, stole the goods, No questions were asked, and the Chairman | as on Saturday afternoon when some members went down to the ground they found the clubreport and accounts as presented be accepted house door locked. After waiting some time they broke open the door. On an examination A dividend at the rate of six per cent, per being made it was discovered that a quantity annum was ordered to be paid, on the pro- of the members' wearing apparel was gone position of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. | and the clock missing. The matter was reported to the police, and steps are taken to trace the

RUGBY COMPETITION.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB US. THE NAV

On Monday the Club met the Navy in the above competition at the Hongkong Football

Club ground before a large gathering of spectators. The Club had an easy win. The teams lined up as follows, H.K.F.C .: Blackburn; Oliver, Kilby, Pearce,

Ferrier : Clarton, Clarke : Lester, Temperley, McIlraith, Robertson, Courtney, Ravenhill, La Fontaine and Hutchison. Navy : Piddock ; Appaheim, Heppel, Campbell. Crowley; Glaister, Turner; Highton, Dennison, White, Johns, Lubbock, Sloman,

Heenan and Davies.

The Navy opened the game, and a good and fast one it was. The Club made a "Now, I would not say exactly that, but I back as far as the railway. We mentioned in excellent try. This was taken by McIlraith, do. Later Claxton again pushed to the front a try. This was again taken by McJiraith who

> played a good game. A few minutes before half time the Navalmen had a try the credit their first goal. The whistle then went for half time and the scores stood :-H. K. F. C. 2 Navy At the early part of the second spell the Navy played well and had a try which Orowley shot too wide putting the Navy 8 up. The

Naval men now did not let the Civilians

take things casy and their fullbacks

The final scores were:-H. K. F. C. NATT COLUMN STREET, PROPERTY

THE SOY CHEB COTTON SPIN-NING GO., LID. ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifteenth ordinary meeting of the above company was held at the offices of Messra. Arnhold, Karberg & Co. at Shanghai on 15th b inst. The Chair was occupied by Mr. M. Mittag | w (Chairman) and there were also present :- | f Messrs, A. Hoettler (vice-chairman), Ho Hsienchuen (directors), H. Arnhold (general mana- V ger), E. Grosser (secretary), Vice-Consul Dr. Ney (of the German Consulate), Mesers. G. V Gallis, M. Niclassen and J. Stampff (shareholders), representing in all 1,203 shares.

been read by the Secretary, the Chairman, in W opening the proceedings, said :- Before procoeding with the formal business of the meeting D arising out of a conflict of their interests would I extremely regret to have to announce the be most deplorable from the standpoint of na- death of Mr. Woo Saw-chip, which took place tional economics. Since the revelation on the 5th February. The deceased gentleman its foundation, the public has come to believe as compradore to the Mill, and I request you blem. In such circumstances, it is not un- your permission I will as usual take them respect satisfactory as during the last three the new cotton crop to the market "When Formosa fell into Japan's posses- slowly and to force up prices to over Tls. 28 annual production is returned at 30 million kin. | cluding Tls. 15,900.91 for 1908 and your "The sugar industry in Japan Proper, on the directors propose to pay a dividend of 7% other hand, is receiving practically no parti- on the paid up capital, amounting to Tis. cular protection except an annual subsidy of 70,000, -and after making the usual provisions Y50,000 which the Government is defraying for depreciation and legal reserve fund to carry forward Tis, 15,000 to new account.

If any shareholders desire information I shall | B. Miller, lbw, b Chitty pared with what the Government is doing for be pleased to furnish it to the best of my No questions were asked, and the following

resolutions were then adopted:-Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Hosttler: That the report and accounts

Proposed by Mr. Mittag and seconded Mr. He Hsien-chuen: That Mr. Hoettler be re-elected a Director of the Company, " Proposed by Mr. Ambold and seconded by consumer, who will no doubt be gradually Mr. Hoettier:-That Mr. Schulze be elected a

> Proposed by Mr. Niclassen and seconded by Mr. Grosser:-That E. Gerecke be re-elected auditor of the company for the current year. The Chairman thanked those present for

their attendance. A vote of thanks to the chairman was re-

DOLLION.

Messrs. Samuel Montaguii& Co.'s Circular

Cape, about £460,000, barely sufficed for the requirements of the market. The bulk of the supplies were suspeed up for the Continent, and the demand for India was rather more active than usual. The quotation rose on Kelly Monday to 77s. 8id. p. oz. Std. It is estimated Hills that the world's gold production for 1909 is Farrow £94,100,000 compared with £91,300,000, £84, Houckham 700,000 and £82,200,000 in 1908, 1907 and 1906 Rutter respectively. During the latter part of 1909 the output of the Witwaterstrand district sustained a partial check owing to labour difficulties.

The following amounts were received by the Bank of England :-

Feb. 17, £149,000 in bar gold.

, 18, 20,000 5,000 in sovereigns from Australia. Withdrawals were made as under :--Feb. 17. £242,000 in sovereigns for South

America. 50,000 in sovereigns for Busnes 310,000 in sovereigns for Paris, 200,000 in sovereigns for Buenos

50,000 in sovereigns for The River 311,000 in sovereigns for Paris.

22, 100,000 in sovereigns for Paris. The sovereigns for Paris above referred to were withdrawn to repay advances made in sovereigns by the Bank of France against bills. It will be remembered that these advances were made on condition that repayment should be made in sovereigns as the bills fell due. The net efflux during the week amounts to £1,080,000.

Silver.-The market again reverted to a sluggish condition. At present there is but little competition to enliven it, and, in the absence of tempting prices, sellers are far from plentiful. Below and round about 24d, there is a fair demand for China, and we think the outlook a hopeful one as the Shanghai stock still remains stationary at its reduced level. The offiake in India has fallen to 125 bars a

A careful estimate of the world's output for 1909 has been made in New York; the principal. details are given as follows:-We attach those for 1908 for purposes of

comparison.

53,849,000 DZ All other producers (including Canada) 213,849,000 02, Representing, at the average

United States Australia All other producers (including Canada)..... 203,186,370 Representing, at the average

A shipment of £35,000 has been made from San Francisco to Hongkong.

opportunities and made many a good rush, ploring expedition under the leadership of Mr. when Clarton scored on try. About the end Goodfellow is meeting with great difficulties 900 miles in Stechuap, the route of which lay GARDEN Lot No. 35, near 1. IL 1,210, in Star of the game the Club scored another try, but from the lack of a steam launch for river trans- the next day and all scome to be going on as Street, was put up for sale by public auction at failed to score a goal. The Navy then made port. The Sourabaya Handelsblad bears that the Public Works Department on Monday. many attempts to equalise but no further scor- 250 guilders a month were offered for the hire of the Government launch belonging to the steamer which took the party over, but the commander of the latter could not close with ment will do the needful for the expedition,"

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ter), E. Grosser (secretary), Vice-Consul Dr.	J. Ogg. run ont
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Gallis, M. Niclasson and J. Stampff (share-	T 23 Wes to Delleman
inideral representing in all a see character	T. H. King, h Batliwara
iolders), representing in all 1,203 shares.	E. R. Hallifax, c Rose, b Currie
The notice convening the meeting having	S.C. Langley, c Hancock, b Currie 12
seen read by the Secretary, the Chairman, in	W. Cooper, o and b Currie
pening the proceedings, said :- Before pro-	Care and a Company of the contract of the cont
and income the femal business of the	S. Bell, c and b Currie
seding with the formal business of the meeting	D. J. McHardy, b Hancock
extremely regret to have to announce the	J. G. Caruther, b Currie
leath of Mr. Woo Saw-chin, which took place	T II Kare not ont
n the 5th February. The deceased gentleman	J. H. Kerr, not out
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S. Batllwara G. Hancock...... 3.2 CRAIGENGOWER. R. Basa, c McHardy, b King J. Higginbottom, c Hallifax, b Kerr F. Lammert, b King...... L. A. Rose, c Bell, b King

I. D. Norla, b King S. Battliwara, c Pitt, b Kerr G. A. Hancock, c Hallifax, b King...... H. Peterson, b King Bowling Analysis,

H. Kerr 7.2 BUFFS v. KOWLOON. This match was played at the Happy Valley

on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a draw. The scores were : Lieut Hart, c Beer, b Brawn Col. Hills, b Brawn 35 P. Sunders, Ibw, b Chitty 20 Pte. Hill, c Robinson, b Chitty Pte. Houckbam, b Chitty Pte. Farrow, b Chitty...... L. Rutter, not out Bowling Analysis, Wesser

Total for 9 wickets203 Spurge 4 Sutton 2 KOWLOON. F. Sutton, c Hills, b Kelly 29 corded and the meeting thereupon terminated. C. W. Jeffries, b Kelly..... W. Weaser, c Hills, b Kelly A. O. Brawn, c Anderson, b Farrow...... dated London, February 24, contains the fol- D. J. Mackenzie, not out..... H. Beer, not out Gold .- The arrivals of bar gold from the T. Ches and H. Spurge did not bat, Extras

Bowling Analysis. CRICKET.

CIVIL BERVICE C.C. This League match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday, afternoon, and resulted in a win for the Telegraphs & Dodwells' C.C. by

TELEGRAPHS & DODWELLS' C.C. v.

5 wickets: Scores :-CIVIL SERVICE C.C. P. T. Lamble, b Oliver R. E. O. Bird; c Matson, b Oliver ... A. R. Sutherland, b Shields 63 R. A. Raven, b Oliver R.O. Hutchison, cShields, b Waterhouse I. McEwen, b Waterhouse A. G. Pole, c & b Shields 10 J. Mackay, c Lack, b Shields L. E. Brett not out I. Gast, b Oliver Extras

TELEGRAPH & DODWELLS' C.C. W. Manning, c Hutchison, b Bird 15 E. C. Oliver not out G. M. Dodwell, c Bird, b Brett R. E. H. Oliver, c Hutchison, b Bird C. T. Hose, b Hutchison ----- 10 A. H. Young, b Hutchison W. Waterhouse not out. Extras 6 Total (for 5 wickets) ... 115

> TSING 1AO BOCK. A PROSPEROUS TIME.

Writing under date Teingtao, 10th inst., the correspondent of the N. C. D. News, states:-The Tsingtao Dock seems to be having a 75,0:0,00 > oz. very prosperous time to judge from the amount 17,000,000 oz, of work which is accumulated about the place and the strenuous overtime on which the hands 68,coz,oco oz. are working. An attempt to cut. down the p ivilege of the operatives resulted a few days ago in a little unpleasantness. . Owing to the pressure of work the manager gave notice that the custom of closing at half-past five on Saturday when the wages were to be paid (which 52,440,690 oz, had previously been 430) would be discon-73,654, 27 oz: tinued, and work would continue as usual till 17,175,099 or. 6 30 This seemed to be the proverbial last straw. and the Chinese employees threw down their 59,905,444 or, tools and [walked out. The manager and superintendent attempted to make them return to work, but without success. They were soon surrounded by a yelling mob, each man screeching his own particular grievance in the usual Chinese style. It came to such a pitch that some of the crowd throw stones at the manager." but without any serious result. The police were called in and the matter was settled in some way, the details of which are not known.

In view of the fact that the men are wall paid for the over-time, it would seem that they would have little ground for complaint. It shows how narrow a margin there is at all the offer. It is hoped that the Java Govern. times in the relations of the Chinese and their

At all events the operatives went back to work

The Opium Market.

rising by Leaps and Bounds. HOW IT AFFECTS THE OPIUM PARM,

on the local Righto to-day is the phenomenal | kept by the consumer for his own use. rite in the price of raw opium. . In August last the price of Indian oplum was below \$1,000 l per chest; in September it had risen to a little \$1,200. Thence onwards the market price has stendily risen until at the beginning of this or \$600,- just tenfold. month it stood at \$2,000 per chest. During the first week of the month the price advanced slowly but steadily. Within the last few days it has gone up by leaps and bounds, averaging about Side per diem : and this morning it had reach-

ed the figure of \$2.800 per chest. Needless to say, this enormous enhancement in the price of the raw drug had created a great deal of excitement in the market, and this is made all the more tense by the fact that the rise promises to be

STILL FURTHER ADVANCED.

Amongst local brokers there seems to a consensus of opinion, indeed, that this increase in the price of the drug has come to dividend of \$1.50 per share be paid for account stay, for a long time to come at any rate. Whatever, happens, the demand goes steadily on and upwards both in the Northern ports and in the Straits Settlements, and speculators are still anxious to secure stock on the local mar-

The reasons which led to the enhancement of prices up till, say, four months ago were not exceptional, because prior to August last year raw opium had reached as that has taken place since that time is held to be due to one cause in particulat. It was not in the nature of things expected that the compulsory reduction of opium importation to the extent of ten per cent, would lead to a very serious disturbance of ruling rates, nor can this be said to have contributed greatly to the genelast year the

CULTIVATION OF THE POPPY had become practically nil in the great province of Szechuan. Previous to that, this cultivation. than five provinces of the Empire, comprising Shantung, Kiangsu, Yunnan, Honan, and another of the north-eastern group; but whilst this consation of the growth in these provinces had a distinct effect upon the output of raw pative opium, such effect was entirely overshadowed by the results following upon the obliteration of Szechuan as an opium-producing country.

Definite figures for last year are difficult to obtain, but it is a matter of knowledge that in supply was supplied by China, the remaining 15 per cent, being foreign. Of this 85 per cent. Szechuan's contribution represented about onehalf, so that it becomes at once apparent what as important effect must ensue upon the withdrawal of this province from among the num; ber of the lesser poppy-growing tracts. This coupled with the enforced.

TEN PER CENT. REDUCTION in importation of raw opium, appears, therefore,

to be the real cause of the solid rise in the in such a short period of time.

importers hold very little, it is said.

ruse to allow of

GREAT STOCKS these considerations, however, are for the specuofficial corruption, extortion and smuggling. THE OPIUM FARM.

may be taken for granted that the new Farm-

But even while the tenders were under offi- artist Tenniel, who, wrote underneath, the clal consideration raw opium had crapt up appropriate lines: gradually in value, and by the time that the new Farmer took over the lease on the 1st of the current month it had advanced to \$1,000. During the three weaks of his tenure of the Farm, this figure has risen again to \$2,800 per hashould view the situation with

NOTHING SHORT OF ALARM. for under the terms of his original contract he

enormous losses. .. revenue, as all that he has to do is to raise the over-indulge in alcohol, they become more of the in July 1909 he was appointed as senior mediprice of prepared opium in proportion. But nature of the demon, are haunted by demons | cal officer to H.M.S. Flora (September 7, 1909). the enhanced cost of the drug its consumption opiates become a necessity. Amongst the and we understand that it will take place this ly likely in theory nor is it true in fact.

most distinctly checked the consumption. It was the same quantity as he did before at three times the price. The less affluent consumer | tion might have been found in the wo.ds of the ammunition, but she broke down. Her skipper, had to cut down his daily allowance; thus a immortal bard --man who beforetimes had smoked a taul per day world reduce his quantum to five or six

the practice of smoking very likely and take to esting opium pills,-the most harmful way in which the drug could be taken. Those pills, which, Mr. Chan explained, are comparatively cheap, are sometimes composed mainly of opium dross, which in previous times was Apart from rubber, the all-absorbing topic | generally sold back to the Farmer but was now

As an example of the enormous extent to which the use of oplum pills had increased recently. Mr. Chan mentioned the case of over that figure; in October the price rose to one pill-seller in Canton whose takings had suddenly risen from \$50 or \$60 per day to \$500

THE FARMER'S OUTLOOK. Mr. Chan said, was certainly not bright. the present high price was maintained, it would be simply impossible to carry on. They stood

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED ...

to lose money heavily under existing conditions

DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

We are officially informed that subject to audit, the directors will recommend that a final 1908 making \$4.50 per share for the year, and for 1909 an interim dividend of \$3.00 per share and a bonus of 20% on contributory premium.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST OPION

The following is from the Perak Rioneer of 14th inst :- The February number of 'Britain's Opium Harvest, the chief organ of the Home Anti-Opium Society, is now before us, The conhigh as \$1,300 in the ordinary course of tents of the current number are chiefly devoted market operations; but the abnormal rise to the progress that is being made in the suppression of both the use and cultivation of the drug' throughout all the Chinese provinces. Being the organ of the Society, naturally the various reports of the progress that is being made in the suppression, are written from the most favourable point of view: To judge from the summing up of most of them the success of ral trend. . The real reason is stated to be that, the crusade for the extinction of the 'evil would appear to be proceeding merrily apace with the exception of a few discordant notes here and there. Some of the reports, however, are rather conflicting. Whilst we read in one that had been stopped by Imperial decree in less the action of the Government in one province is being attended with complete success, we find, on the contrary, in another, and that in some of the largest of the provinces of the Yangteze, more poppy was grown last season than has ever been the case before So far as can be ascertained no order has been issued forbidding the cultivation in such places. Among the introductory notes of the current number, it is stated that of the nine most staunch supporters of the movement in the House of Commons, previous to the General 1907, no less than 85 per cent, of the raw opium | Election, four, succeeded in retaining their seats whilst five were unsoccessful. The descriptions given of the success and the manner in which the 'crusade' is being conducted, as we have already said, are naturally written from a rosy point of view, still, many of them must be read with caution and accepted cum grano sails. Amongst: the latter we would place the following instance quoted, seeing economy and not destruction has always been known as one of the strongest traits of the Chinese national character:-A remarkprice of the commodity that has occurred with- able scene was witnessed on the execution ground at Yunnaniu receptly, when no les The question as to whether this enhancement | than 20,000 ounces of prepared opium were in cost is to be maintained is, of course, one publicly destroyed by fire, by order of upon which it is only possible to conjecture in the officials in the campaign for the total the dark. There are so many considerations suppression of opium. An enormous crowd of to be taken into account that it is difficult to people was present and the event was looked arrive at any definite finding, still the eagerness I upon as the greatest public demonstration of with which speculators are still buying up all I the kind ever seen. The venality and indiffer the available supplies would seem to indicate | ance to the fate of others, possessed by the that the market will semain high for a laverage Chinese Government provincial offilong time to come. In Hongkong, the stock is cial, are only too well known. We should nearly all in the hands of the Chinese. The therefore feel inclined to place the following extract from another of the reports, in a similar As time goes on, new and unexpected deve- | category. At all events, should they be audoments may arise. It is not outwith the theutic, it would naturally be inferred that the bounds of possibility, for instance, that the Im- | agricultural classes are much entitled to what perial anti-oplum edict may yet be rescinded. I was as strongly insisted upon as the right of Even when it was promulgated, there were the Irish peasant, previous to the passing of many who doubted its, absolute sincerity and the great Irish Land Act of :881, viz. Comalthough it is now in force there is no certitude pensation for disturbance.' We read that 'In that its prohibitory provisions are not being many of the provinces the authorities showed avaded. With regard to this latter aspect of lenergy. As a matter of fact, the order forthe question, reports emanating from the inte- | bidding the cultivation has been actively carrior provinces are somewhat conflicting in their I ried out, and the crops have been destroyed nature, and according to some people the story I and tora up by the root," The terrible of the Szechuan crop failure may be only a fravages caused from time to time in many parts of China, by famine, are only of too frequent occurrence, and it is extremely being accumulated in inland cities and in Can- doubtful if the 'virtuous minded' Viceros ton anticipatory of that rise which must inevita. | or Mandarin would destroy the natural rebly follow upon the formation of a corner. All sources of the country in the wanton manner so described. It would appear to be a much laters themselves to decide upon. One prominent | wiser plan for the Government to purchase the Hongkong broker to-day expressed the opinion | produce. They could easily find a ready market that, so far from the opium probibition laws for it abroad, in South America, the United being salutary, they only paved the way to States, Australia, Europe, etc. The amount so realised by its disposal, could be held in reserve to provide against future outbreaks of As regards the Opium Farmer, the sudden famine and pestilence, thus obviating the necesrise that has taken place in the price of raw sity of making appeals abroad for financial opium has come upon him like a thunder- assistance. Waste Is far from forming ope of holt. Since he tendered for the monopoly, the characteristics of the Celestial nature. the price has enhanced almost threefold. When When the demolition was ordered of many of the lease was advertised by Government for the the older localities in Hongkong, during the 31st of August last year, xaw opium was 'on the last visitation of the 'bubonic' plague, even market at below \$1,000 per chest. The ac- large quantities of rags and bones were found centance of tenders, however, was sub- | beneath the bedsteads. In his zenl to stamp out sequently extended for a month and the lease [a supposed 'curse,' 10,000 miles away, the home was secured by Mr. Ho Shai-kit, (represent- | opium reformer is wilfully blind to many simiing the Tai Yau Syndicate), at a rental lar cylis only too prevalent in the streets of his of \$08,000 per month, or \$1,183,200 per own cities. Chinese women do not frequent year. As has been mentioned above, the opium dens but in the London gin palaces the highest known price to which raw opium had female frequenters, in many instances, outnumpreviously risen was \$1,300 per chest, and it ber the males. Even mothers may be seen giving intoxicants to children in their arms. ers tender was based on something like this lone instance of which formed the subject of

'See the degraded wretch we picture here. He blights the corn before it reach the ear." The total suppression of the drug in China will only lead to an increase in the import of alcoholic spirits. Already such chest, so that it is little to be wondered at that I is the case, and the mative takes to it even if it be of a very deleterious quality. Only recently a considerable seleure of the same was made locally. The home enthusiast had cannot continue to hold the lease for the speci- better devote his attention to the next Licensing fied period of three years without incurring Bill. When the opium smoker has had his advice to the junior surgeons just entering the pipa, soporific feelings overcome him and he In some quarters it is affirmed that the rise | quietly retires to rest without disturbing any. in price of raw opium cannot affect the Farmer's | one. On the contrary, as regards those who this assumption rests upon the ground that at | and straight jackets, padded rooms and strong will remain the same in amount. This is hard- rejected members was one of the most active workers, formerly Mr. now Sir R. Laidlaw, In an interview with a representative of the | whose name is widely known in connection with Telegrada to-day, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, secretary | an extensive firm throughout India, Burma and of the Oplum Farm, stated that the increase Chins. He formed one of the British delegates of the company which owned the steamship which they had been compelled to make in the to the Conference held at Shanghai, Fate, price of prepared opium as a consequence of the however, was perverse. The serious faced, during the Russo-Japanese war. He died at enormonaly enhanced cost of the raw drug had | Sunday observant, kirk going "Scotch constituents did not sufficiently reward the hon, memonly therich man who could afford now to smoke | ber for his labours and he was rejected by a | Russian Admiralty to run the blockade at Port majority of almost 600. Appropriate consola-

> Blow, blow thou wintry wind, Thou art not more unkind Than man's ingratitude.

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A DEBTOR'S ABSENCE.

19th inst. Before Hon, Mr. W. Rees-Davies, K.C., Act-I ing Chief Justice, at the Bankruptcy Court this morning. Tsoi Chung-lei applied for his discharge to be made absolute. Mr. F. P. Hett | at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Wong appeared for?the debtor.

discharge of the debtor for one year, with direc- I village of Lam Lei Wai, near Tytam Tuk, o tions to the debter to appear before the Court | the 7th February last and receiving stolen proat the end of the period. On the 4th December, perty, consisting of a quantity of clothing and the period of suspension expired and defendant some articles of jewellery together with a small falled to appear before the Court. Mr. Fletcher sum of money. Hop. Mr. F. A. Hazeland upon this communicated with him and he Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. wrote a letter to the debtor, who did not re- L. Dennys, Jr., from the Crown Solicitor's ceive the letter because he was at Foochow. Office, prosecuted. The prisoners were un and the letter was sent to Canton. Debtor defended and entered a plea of not guilty. understood that he was to appear at the end The following were the jury :- Mostrs, / of the Chinese New Year. He was really there E. Crapnell (foreman), A. Jahrand, A. to explain why debtor had failed to appear. His Lordship-He-did-not-understand-the- and O. Mayer. effect of the letter?

one year but he reckoned according to the ed with committing an armed robbery a in possession of some new facts.

His father as administrator supported his wife at 7 p.m. on the 7th Rebruary. At 7.30 p.m. port. He received no fixed amount and roughly the robbery and about two hours later the children of his elder brother.

wear those clothes? They are ordinary clothes.

How were you able to go to Foochow? I went with a clansman who was returning Foochow. You said in the course of your examination

that your expenses came to Sigloop before you went to Fonchow?-Yes. from \$13,000 to \$360?—Yes. Why didn't you report yourself to the Court

was at Foochow. of one year?-I reckoned according to the Chinese New Year, I was at Canton when I

The first time that you were seen at Hongkong after your arrival from Foochow was on the 7th of March. That's rather later than the and of the Chinese New Year?- I left Foochow

on the 28th February. His Lordship at this point put a series of questions to the debtor, at the conclusion of which he said that clearly, there was no excuse why debtor should not have appeared as ordered by the Court. It was obvious that the only course left was to jurther suspend debtor's discharge, as the debtor had directly disobayed the order of the Court.

Mr. Hett-It's obvious that debtor might have forgotten. There's nothing to show that debtor had tried to defeat the object of the Court. At any rate, he has appeared without any pressure whatever from the Court.

His Lordship-I think the time originally allowed for debtor's discharge was short. Probably Sir Francis Piggott thought that everything was in order. I know very little about the case.

Mr. Hett-I may tell your Lordship that the matter was very strongly fought between Mr. Wakeman and myself at the time. I think there were two attendances. I submit that debtor's discharge should not be suspended unless there is a direct appeal by the creditors against the discharge being made absolute. His Lordship-I have no discretion in the

Mr. Hett-I'm not saying that. I'm merely asking that on the face of the circumstances discharge. If your Lordship will make an der to make absolute debtor's discharge it wil practically amount to an undertaking by the debtor. An order by the Court suspending debtor's discharge will apparently do no good to the creditors, as Mr. Fletcher informs me that the creditors have not attended meetings and don't seem to take any interest in the proceedings. I would suggest an extension. His Lordship-What do you say to an ex-

tension, Mr. Official Receiver? . The Official Receiver-It appears to me that the matter is one of res sudlenta. Debtor brought an action for probate of will being taken out and judgment was er tered against him by default.

His Lordship-I don't know anything about

The Official Receiver-Neither do I. I'm entirely in the dark about the matter. His Lordship-It appears to me, Mr. Hett, that the fact of debtor's fallure to appear Court should be recognised in some way. order his discharge being further suspended.

> OBITUARY STAFF-SURGEON FRASER, R.N.

The news of the death at the Nursing A. F. Fraser, of H. M. S. Flord, was received with profound many friends that he has made during his short service in Shaughai's his loss will be deaply felt by his messmater, says the N. D.C. News of 19th inst. The late surgeon had been ill for some weeks and although recently little it was sincerely hoped that he would pull jug. one of the cleverest of the drawings of the through his severe illness.

Arthur Forbes Fraser entered the service as a surgeon in 1900, having qualified at Edinburgh, of which university he held the M. B. degree. After passing through the course at Haslar | after the conspiracy case? Hospital, Portsmouth, he served in succession in H. M. S.S. Pembroke, Supert, Resolution, thance he went to the Surprire, the yacht of Crown. the Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, at that time Lord Charles Beresford. From the | the administration action? Hasiar Hospital, where his work as one of the resident surgeons and his ever-ready help and service, were greatly appreciated. He was promoted staff-surgeon in February 1908, and on completing his appointment at Haster in He will of course, be given a Naval fune al,

THE death of Mr. William Simpson, principal Carliele, tecalle a famous blockade runner Cardiff. The Carlisle, captained by a brother of Mr. W. Simpson, was chartered by the Arthur. She had a valuable cargo of arms and however, managed to navigate her to Manila with sails made from rice bags. The voyage in Salgon River,

As regards the poor man, he would give up IN BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION, ARMED ROBBERY IN A VILLAGE.

THE STORY OF A SMART CAPTURE. EUROPEAN CONSTABLE COMMENDED BY THE PUISNE JUDGE.

Before Mr. Justice Competts, Polsce Judge Yau, Wong On, Kwan Fuk, Lam Shing, Yun Mr. Hett stated that the last order made in Yee and Ohan Sang were indicted on charges be matter was an order which suspended the of having committed an armed robbery in the

Carter, W. H. Worth, J. D. Osmund, J. Aninn The Attorney-General in opening the case

Mr. Hett-He knew the suspension was for stated that the six prisoners stood charg-Chinese New Year, I submit that the Official three houses at a place called Lam Le Reciver cannot have any objection unless he is | Wal, near Tytam Tuk. The evidence wa that the men went to the three houses armed Debton was called into the witness-box and with knives and choppers and robbed clothing stated that he was at present without means. Jewellery and money. The robbery took place and he depended on his friends for his own sup. I the Police at Shau-ki-wan were informed of received about \$20 or \$30 a month from the Police found the whole lot of the robbers coming out of the village. He proposed to The Official Receiver-How are you able to | call witnesses who would identify the prisoners. The fourth prisoner, although none of the Debtor-There's nothing stylish about them, stolen property was found in his possession, made a statement as follows :- The old man stole the property and gave me \$100. He also made another statement : "The old man took us there."

Evidence was then called. P. C. Sullivan gave a graphic description of how he ambushed the prisoners with a couple of constables and And you were able to reduce the amount | excorted them to the station at the point of the revolver; as the prisoners were numerically superior to their guards and might have resortat the date fixed for your discharge? - Because | ed to force in order to avade their captors.

'At the conclusion of P. C. Sullivan's evidence The Court ordered you to appear at the end His Lordship commended the P.O.'s conduct and requested Mr. Wodchouse, Deputy Captain Superintendent of Police, who was present in received my solicitor's letter and I came at the Court-room, to forward his commendation to the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The jury without retiring returned a verdict of guilty against the prisoners. The ringleader was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour and the remaining five to three years' hard labour each.

KIDNAPPING IN THE COLONY

CASE AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

21st inst. Before Mr. Justice Gompertz. Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this afternoon, L Yuen was indicted on charges of kidnapping twelve-year-old Chinese girl with Intent to deprive its lawful guardian of the possession of the child and unlawfully detaining same on the 27th February last. Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazaland. Acting Attorney-General, Instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennys, Jr., from the Crown Solicitor's office, prosecuted. The prisoner was undefended and pleaded not guilty.

The following were the jury :- Messrs. A. C. Diss (foreman), C. H. Pintos, O. Wagner, W. A. Rose, H. W. Page, S. Paul and C. H. dos Remedios.

The Attorny-General stated that the prisoner was charged under two counts, that of leading away a twelve-year-old child from her guardian and dataining same. The child was missed at 6 p.m. on the 27th February last. At 7.50 p.m. on same day, that is, about two hours afterwards, it was found on board the s.t. Kwangsi in the postession of the deyour Lordship ought not to suspend debtor's fendant. Defendant's evidence was that the child followed him, while the child's story was that the defendant had actually dragged her away. It was purely a matter for the jury to believe one or other of the stories,

Prisoner stated that the girl followed him of her own accord, and that she said she was glad to leave her guardian. The Attorney-General said he wished to temporarily withdraw the case and refer the matter to the Registrar-General, who would

make the necessary investigations as to whether defendant's story was correct. The case was adjourned.

THE PHRIORY CASE.

APPLICATION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF

21st inst. Before Mr. Justice Compertz, Pulsus Judge at the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. E Potter applied to his Lordship to adjourn the case in which Kwan Yuk Chunn is charged with alleged perjury said to have been committed an the rath December last in the Police. Court, till the next Criminal Sessions. Mr. Potter stated that he had good reasons for asking that the case be allowed to stand over. It was absolutely impossible to get ready on the day fixed by the Crown. The Crown Intended Home on Sunday morning of Staff-Surgeon to take the case next Thursday and the case was committed for trial only last Thursday. Another reason was that he would be engaged in the administration case to assist Counsel and besides he had to do his duty with regard to Mr. Hett; who instructed him in the case and who wished an adjournment. "It was impossible to proceed with the case as far as he hope bad been entertained of his recovery, yet | was concerned on the day fixed for the hear-

His Lordship-Have you any objection, Mr. The Attorney-General-I can't consent,

Will it suit my friend to proceed with the case Mr. Potter-I don't see how if the case i s allowed to stand over subject to your Lord. Formidable, Wildfire, Landrail, Albemarle; ship's consent could in any way injure the

> Mr. Potter-I have Dr. Ho Kai with me but I have to play a fairly important part at a certain stage of the case.

His Lordship-I see no objection. Your application is granted. Mr. Potter-I am much obliged to your Lordship.

CEMENT TRADE,

COMPRTITION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The bid of \$2.02 gold per barrel, ship side delivery, made by the Societé de Ciments Portland Artificiel de l'Indo Chine, was the lowest in the proposals for 8,000 barrels of cement for the quarter-master's department at Manila and that concern got the bid. Anderson and Co. bid \$2.16: Peabody and Co. \$2.25: Stevenson and Co. \$2.30: Findley and Co. \$4.34.

THE s.s. Theseus arrived in port on Sunday from Yokohama via Shanghai and Amoy with 1,500 Swalow with 160,

VOLUNIEER INSPECTION.

BY H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL BROADWOOD.

The Hongkong Volunteers annual inspection took place on Saturday afternoon at 9 p.m. on the Murray Barracks Parade Ground The men paraded at Headquarters at a p.m. about ago in all, and were marched down to the Parade Ground headed by the Band of the Buffs. There was a large number of spectators to see our citizen soldiers at their general inspection. General Broadwood arrived shortly after 3 o'clock and inspected the men closely. The Volunteers then marched past in a smart manner, the Artillery Companies with Maxim gons. The Cadets were also present and put through their drills well."

At the conclusion, H.E. Major-General Broadwood said :- Colonel Chapman, officers and men, H.K.V.O.,-I have been very pleased throughout the past training with the work you have done towards making yourselves officient as fighting men. I was particularly pleased at the keenness shown by those who were able to attend the camp in the New Territory; and consider that camp a great advance from the point of view of practical soldiering on any previous camp. I have seen here, I am sorry to say, that the corps is far from being filled up to its establishments. I know that there are plenty of able-bodied men in the Colony who would come forward in an emergency to assist in the defence of the Empire and I know that they think that if a man is a good shot and a good sportsmen he is fit to take his place in the fighting line. I can assure you that this is a fallacy, and that an untrained man in the fighting line, no matter how good a shot he may be, is not only useless" but a danger in modern war. I don't tell you this on my own 3 .- 4.10 p.m. TENT PEGGING IN SECTIONS OF authority alone, but also on that of a far greater soldier, Sir John French, who during his stay here was much impressed by the difficulty of the surrounding country, and said that here more than in other parts of the empire an untrained man would be useless in the fighting line. The imperial idea is growing both a Home and in the overseas colonies; that is people are realizing that the empire can only be kept together by every man making himsel ready to take part in its defence, and that it cannot depend on the standing army only for its defence. If you can spread this idea in Hongkong, you will have done as much good as by your example in making yourselves fit. After this the Volunteers marched back to Headquarters and were then dismissed,

SAN FRANCISCO'S ORIENTAL NEWSPAPERS.

San Francisco's Oriental newspapers are the wonder of the journalistic world. There are eight of them, all dailles-four Ohinese and four Inpaness. Each has its own building, really metropolitan staff of reporters and writers, and an editor whose sense of news values is as acute and up-to-date as the average. American's.

Contrary to general expectation, perhaps, the Chinese papers are the largest and best. They are located within two blocks of one another in the rehabilitated Chinese quarter, which is now one of the handsomest and most substantial as well as most sanitary sections of the new San Francisco. A modern two-story concrete building is the humblest domicile of the San Francisco Chicese newspapers while a four story brick is the most prefentious. The other two are three stories in beight and also of brick.

The Japanese newspapers are domiciled in three two-story and one single-story buildings. Two are of frame, and two of brick. They are scattered over a considerable area, about half a mile apart, and but one is near the Chinese section. This is the Telegraph on Sacramento near Stockton streets. The Soko Shimbun or Japanese Daily Neus occupies a former dwalling-bouse and has the smallest circulation of all, its subscription list being about two thousand copies. The New World, housed in a frame building at Geary and Fowell streets, bar the only Web Perfecting (flat bed) Press in the city with a capacity of six thousand twelve-page [6,-5.10 p.m. ONE AND A QUARTER MILE papers per:hour, while the Japanese American bas the best building and most up-to-date equipment, generally of the Japanesedailies.

The Chinese papers, in sharp contrast to their Japanese contemporaries, baye each a marked individuality, a strong policy and a definite him aside from money-getting. ' The Tat. Tung Yat Po or Chinese Free Press is probably the most aggressive and forceful in this regard. It is the official organ of the Chinese Free Mason Society, a very powerful organization which has thousands of wealthy members, and to which about one-eighth of the antire Chinése people belong.

A very interesting Chinese daily is the Sa Gal Yat Po or Chinese World, edited by young, California born Chinese named Robert L. Part. The World is probably the most thoroughly Americanized of San Francisco's Oriental papers. It has a staff-photographer, a corps of reporters who can write a news-story in English as well as in Chinese, and who cover the police courts, city ball, incoming and outgoing steamers, with remarkable thoroughness. The World publishes daily half-tones of news events and will soon install an engraving plant—a dignity to which no Oriental paper in America has yet attained. The World is an afternoon paper and, while having no telegraphic service, prints a very complete line of cable news, trapslated and "boiled down " from the American morning papers. It has correspondents all over the Pacific Coast and a representative at Peking who occasionally wires some news item of importance in addition to his regular mail service. The circulation, though small not exceeding five thousand copies, is almost unlimited geographically. The World goes to a score of different American cities, and has subscribers io Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and Hawaii

The Chung Sai Yat Po has for its editor parhaps the best known English-speaking now is for outside help. Chinese in the West. This is Ng Poon Chew who ranks with Wu Ting-fang as a calestial humorist and racopteur. Ng Poon Chaw is "If I had come fourteen years earlier," he exfirst) is in continual demand as a lecturer, and the open door principle in general. American papers by his quaint, forceful retion editors with all sorts of college degrees to the Chung Bai Yat Po.

tory. It was established by the Yee family, strongly supported by the United States, with which is the clan from which pearly all the Chinese laundrymen come. For hundreds of Bastern matters? "-N. C. D. News, years the Yors baye been "washee" washee"

HONGKONG GYMRHANA CLOB. FIRST MEETING.

The programme of the first meeting to be held at the Happy Valley, on Saturday, 16th April, (weather permitting) is as follows :---1.-3.30 p.m.-HALF MILE FLAT RACE,-FOR

non-winning subscription griffins of the secson 1909-1910, Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 3 lbs. Jocksys who have won more than five races in Hongkong, Shanghal or Tientsin penalised 7 lbs. , Entrance fee S5. .. 1st prize: Presented. and prize: \$15. (Entrance fees to go to winner). .- 3:50 p.m. GYMKHANA STAKES Value

Sico. Distance one mile. For all China ponies. Catch weights at 10 st. 6 lbs. Winners of an open race or open griffin race 5 lbs. extra. Non-winning subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs. Jockeys who have won more than five races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin penalised 7 lbs. A cup called the Gymkhana Cup will be presented at the and of the season to be won by the pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhana Stakes at the Gymkhana meetings during the season, counting 4 points, for a first; 2 for a second; and I for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the pony on a sale. Any winner of the race to carry 5 lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2 lbs. to be deducted next time he starts. Such 2 lbs. to remain deducted until he wine again when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. and prize : \$25. (Half. entrance fees to go to winner.)

THREE .- Open to teams, mounted on China ponies, and composed of any three members of the Gymkhana Club, Three small cups to be presented to the winning team at each competition and at the conclusion of the season a trophy will be given to the team which scores the highest aggregate of points all meetings included. In competing for the small cups a competitor need not necessarily represent the same team on each and every occasion, but if competing for the aggregate trophy he can only represent one team during the season, that is to say, he must continue to compete for the team first selected by him and for no other. To provide for sickness, absence from the Colony, or for improvement of a team, new members may from time to time be introduced into a team, but in order to win"the aggregate trophy two at least of the members composing the winning team must have competed in not loss than three competitions, . Entrance fee Sf each man each Gymkhana.

The committee of the Gymkhana Club will appoint a judge who will judge this competition throughout the season and whose decision shall be final, -In the case of illness or absence of any judge appointed the committee shall appoint a substitute."

4.-4.30 p.m.: LADIES NOMINATION. THREE QUARTERS OF-A MILE FLAT RACE-FOR all China ponies. Catch weights. Ponies to be nominated by a lady. The names of the ponies will be placed in one hat, the names of riders in another but and drawn alternately. Ponies to be ridden by riders whose names. appear at the same drawing. No pony to bescratched after entry except on account of Bickness.

then entering for this event competitors are requested to give lady numinator's name and name of rider as well as pany. Entrance fee \$5. First and second prizes presented by the Gymkhana Club.

5.-4.50 p.m. ONE MILE FLAT RACE .-- FOR subscription griffins of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race t. ibs. extra ; of two or more races 8 lbs. extra Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. To be ridden by lockeys who have not had more than five winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin. Entrance fee \$5. 18t prize: Presented, and prize; \$25. Entrance lees to go to winner.

FLAT RACE HANDICAP .- For all China ponies. Entrance fee. \$5. First prize: Presented : and prize : \$25. (Entrance fees to go to winner.)

2HE LATE MR. STEVENS.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S LIBERALITY.

In the course of the proceedings of the Lower House on the Reserve Fund, which sat at II a.m. on Thursday (10th instant), Mr. Shimign, a Secretary in the Foreign Office, replying to questions regarding the disbursement of the fund in charge of the Foreign Office in the 41st fiscal year (1908-9), said that the sum of Y150,000 had been paid out of the second reserve to the two sisters of the late Mr. D. W. Stevens, who, after baving been in the Government service from the year 1882, had been cruelly done to death by the hand of an assassiu at San Francisco on March 24th, 1908;

Mr. Shimidzu further stated that the estimate for telegraph charges had proved insufficient by Y20,000, and it was therefore defraved out of the second reserve. On May 14th, 1908, a sum of Y1,500,000 was paid, representing half the amount of capital for the Yalu Lumbering Company, which was formed on a joint-stock basis by the Japanese and Chinese Governments, -/apan Chronicle.

FAR EASTERN POLITICS. ATTACK UPON BRITISH POLICY.

London, March 17. Telegrams from Peking have been received here appounding that, owing to severe diplomatic pressure, the Waiwupu has been forced to abandon the negotiations in tegard to the Chinchou-Aigun Rallway. China's sole hope

The news has caused much surprise and resentment Major E. C. Meysey-Thompson, Unionist.

fond of saying that he is almost American-born. Member for Handsworth; has given notice of a question to Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of His Lordship-Have you another junior in presses it, " I would have been an American State for Poreign Affairs, naking what instruccitizen. I have always regretted that I did | tions have been given to Sir John Jordan, H. not, but when I arrived bere it was too late." M. Minister at Poking, in view of the new Mr. Ng (in Chinese the family name comes development affecting British trade in particular and makes a great deal of copy for the Mr. Pauling (one of the concessionaires).

writing to The Times, affirms that Japan marks before classes at California and Stand- has persistently opposed by every means ford Universities, women's clubs, at banquets, is her power the construction of the Chinchouotc. He was educated in American schools, Aigun Railway. Now Russin seems to be and speaks English as well as any foreigner copying Japan. The British Government has could. He is very particular about the diction simply said ditto to Japan, "Is it wonderful," used in his paper, and has two Chinese associa- Mr. Pauling asks, "that resentment is felt in America at these flagrant treaty violations? write editorials and keep literary errors out of Why may not China develop her own territory? Why does England, formerly leading the way . The New Era is a paper with a unique his- in China, throw cold water on a project whom surely she might ser eye to eye in Far

men, and the departure of one of that kin from THE N. C. D. News understands that Mr. M. M. this time-honoured profession to the ranks of Tackey is proceeding with his appeal to the fournalism caused a supture which for many Privy Council in the case of M. M. Tackey v. years was not healed. The New Era is now, R. S. F. McBain, and that on Monday £400 however, controlled by a stock company, and | was paid into H. M. Supreme Court as security lasted to days. The Carliele finally blew up Chinese passengers, and the Holyang from is published in a four story brick building of for costs of the appeal together with the over of

THE BRYBLOPMENT OF MANCHURIA.

AMBITIOUS JAPANESE PROGRAMME.

Mr. Shiranl, Chief of the Administrative Bureau of the Kwaptung Government, outlining Japanese policy for the development of Manchuria. As will be seen from Mr. Shirabl's remarks, it is suggested that a Japanese bank be formed for the purpose of advancing. cheap money for industrial undertakings. We wonder if the necessary capital to establish such a bank could be raised in London?: Judging from Earl Stanhope's remarks, quoted in Wednesday's issue, there would doubtless be quite a rush of British financiers anxious to invest in such an under

Mr. Shirani is thus quoted:- "Not being so very distant from the time of the Russo-Japanese War, all the Japanese equipments now in Manchuria are tainted with a military flavour, but there is no colour of necessity for continning such a military state any longer. The Kwantung Government, by disarming Dairen and Port Arthur, and carrying out the evacuation of Japanese soldiery from Manchuria by degrees, is endeavouring to show its sing carity to the world in regard to the intention of exploitating Manchuria in a peaceful manner. As the first step in that direction, the Government intends to inaugurate engineering and chemical schools and other similar institutions for the purpose of developing the natural resources of Manchuria and Kwantung province, and has it further in mind to afford facilities to people in economic enterprises.

"Manchuria and Kwantung province are threetimes the size of Japan, containing from 30,000,-000 to 40,000,000 inhabitants, and as regards the exact area of the fields operated by the people; even the Chinese Government is in ignorance, For instance, along the railway zone, from Da ren to Changchun, Covering more that 700 miles, is no tract of land but is cultivated with car and skill, and the staple, export big beans through Dairen, Vladivostok and Yinkow has reached the amount of 18,000,000 koku which figures-with the addition of the tota amount of inland consumption,-represen enormous values. The production of other cereals is put at between 3,000 and 4,00 koku, bearing testimony to the wonderfully fortile soil of Manchuria. As to minerals the Fushun, Honkeiko, and Entai coal mines, which are well-known to the public but drops in the bucket compared with the Iron-mines and copper-mines still lying undiscovered. The Government not only, at taches importance to these inestimable natural products, but is auxious to build up some great enterprise on their foundation. The establishment of an engineering and chemical school above referred to is their intended object Salad oil and lubricating oils are manufactured from big beans, and the residue is made into soy and miso, while alcohol is prepared from barley grain and paper from the stems. The manufactures of glass and matches have a bright future before them also. "The branch of the Spacie Bank has contro

· accommodate industrial enterprises with funds. Such being the case, Japanese merchants secura from usurers loans which are usually obtained at 3 or 4 per cent. per measem and at 40 or 50 per cent, per appum in the case of sums ranging from Y5,000 to Y10,000. Of the Manchurian merchants numbering thousands, only Soo are doing business with their own money. which amounts to Y3,000,000 in all, while others depend on usurers for the operation of their business. The authorities are doing their best to reduce the rate of interest by some means or other. Since last year, some members of the Diet have been petitioning the Government to establish a special bank in Manchuria but the latter has, refused, the request on the ground that Manchuria is not advanced in industrial undertakings, for which reason the practice of advancing loans is dangerous. from the Manchurian point of view, the deficiency of adequate financial organs cannot but be held responsible for the non-development of its enterprises. Some time age the Hokkaide and Formess were provided with special banks of their own, and it is to be hoped that the same measure may be taken in Manchuria. The Chinese, on the other hand, are busy trying to obtain control of the financial circles by establishing a monetary organ in their desire to recover their lost sights. At this juncture it is a pressing duty to introduce a bank with a capital of over YIO. opologo in Manchuria as soon as possible, and to place Dairen and Port Arthur in North China on a par with Shanghai and Hongkong." The reference of the Chief of the Kwantung.

of the money-market of Manchuria, but it

Government to the "lost rights" of the Chinese is very interesting. - Japan Chronicle.

BANGKOK RICE TRADE.

REGULAR REVIVAL APPARENT.

Under date 11th inst., the Bangkok Daily Mail writes:-A regular revival in trade is becoming more and more evident in Bangkok of late. Shipping business is becoming more active and the local ricemills are busy once more. This proves that a plentiful supply of rice and paddy is pouring in from the country and that the demand for it is brisk.

Local freight rates are going up, and we learn that some steamers left recently for Singapore carrying cargoes of rice at 224 cents per picul which is considered an excellent freight rate in this part of the world. A cargo of rice at this rate to Singapore pays the steamer pwpers about Tics 5.400 and upwards according to capacity. The return trips from Singapore generally average fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars. This is fine business and emphasises the fact that an abundant rice-barwest for Siam is one of the best things to which the country can aspire...

At present the fear is entertained that the nousual rain at this season will more or less injure the rice harvest. In many districts the paddy is piled up in stacks, the farmers, not having time to have it thrashed and gathered in. This is chiefly owing to the slow, primitive methods in which harvesting is carried on in who following results :this country and which frequently expose the paddy cultivators to certain risks, both in time of sowing, as well as in saying their crops. Sening that rice-growing is, and will continue to be the great source of Slam's wealth, it is of vital importance that it should be encouraged in every way possible.

In former years a counsel paddy could be had in the local market for about Tics, 40, or less, and to-day it is sold at Tics 80, and unwards. This proves better than anything else, the great and growing damand that exists for rice and

this demand is increasing in all parts of the world. When rice is abundant money is plentifol and trade is brisk in all its branches. But we see by experience in Siam that in years of a poor rice-barvest, business and all lines of commerce suffer.

Keeping this in view, we cannot refrain from suggesting once more that in order to insure blg harvests for blam annually, it will be - necessary to introduce modern labour-saving machinery late the country and to educate the

SANDYCROFT RUBBBR CO.

The net profit for the period after making An interesting statement has been made by | due provision for depreciation amounts to \$193,783.12 to which has to be added the bal ance of \$1,275.77 brought forward from last account making a total of \$195,058.89 available to 31st January, 1910, less interim dividends absorbing \$60,000 already declared.

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Your directors recommend-" 1. That's final dividend of 90 per cent be declared, making 150 per cent for the year and absorbing \$00,000.

2. That the sum of \$7,070 70 be placed to sinking fund for the redemption of debentures 3. That the sum of \$30,000 be transferred to

bonus to employees. 5. That the balance of \$4,979.19 be carried forward to next account.

CULTIVATION. A detailed survey of the cultivated portion disclosed an area of 366 acres under rubber. Apart from two small blocks totalling 17 acres which are now being planted, there is no further land suitable for cultivation within the estate boundaries. The position of the cultivation at just January was as follows:-

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366 acres. from government further lands adjoining the present cultivation amounting in all to coproximately 607 acres. Your directors are of opinion that the addition of this area to the cultivation will considerably strengthen the position of the company. It is proposed to open up this land as rapidly as possible and in order to provide funds for this purpose the directors recommend an increase of capital

companies this report. General.—The estate is now in excellent condition.: Considerable expenditure has been incurred in the treatment of disease and the general sanitation of the estate. This work has been taken in band very thoroughly and i is expected that the clearing of all dead jungle timber from the cultivation will be completed during the current year.

A notice symmoning an extraordinary general

meeting to pass the necessary resolution ac-

PARA RUBBER. The output of dry rubber during the year amounted to 47,985 lbs. No. 1 sheet, and 25,370 lbs. of other grades or a total of 73,364 lbs. as against 52,706 lbs. in the previous year. 14,000 trees were tapped over 130 acres.

The following figures will be of interest: Average yield per tree per tapping lbs. Average yield per tree per appum ... only a commercial bank, and is not entitled to Average yield per coolie employed ... Cost per lb. (labour only for tapping, opening trees and trans- ..

> port to factory)cents 16,00 The average prices obtained for the crop far sold are 7s. ad. for sheet and 5s. od. for scrap as against 4s, 4d, for sheet and 2s, 114d for scrap in the preceding year. A portion of the crop was sold during the year under contract. Rubber in transit and in store at Tanuary 31 has been taken as to the portion lince sold or

> contracted for at the octual price realised and as to the portion upsold at \$2 per lb. Machinery.—The machinery lostalistion is now complete with the exception of the new

> drying house and it is expected that the whole will be in working order shortly. Management,-Mr. R. B. Murray has been in charge of the estate throughout the year.

> Labour.-No serious difficulties have arisen in this respect although the Malay labour is as usual somewhat uncertain.

that the sum of \$30,000 be placed to reserve out of the profits for the year to meet the cost not yet in bearing and to complete the factory installation. It is proposed to meet the cost of the extensions contemplated by a new issue

Directors.-The board new consists of Mesars. M. E. Plumpton (on leave), E. H. Bratt, A Gentle, F. E. Jago and W. W. Cook. In accordance with the articles of association Mr. A Gentle retires, but being eligible offers

himself for re-election. Auditors,-Messrs, Derrick and Co. offer hemselves for re-election.

F. E. JAGO, Chairman.

FURTHER CAPITAL An extraordinary general meeting of the company will be held at Winchester House. on March 23, for the purpose of considering and if approved, of passing the following resolutions:-

1. That the capital of the company be increased from \$100,000 to \$120,000 by the creation of to.oco new shares of \$2 each to rank pari passu in all respects with the existing shares of the company.

2. That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to issue the said 10,000 shares forthwith at a premium of \$8 per share above the nominal value of \$2 per share to be paid in full on application.

2. That the said 10,000 shares be offered in the first place to existing shareholders of the company so far as practicable in proportion to

their holding in the company. 4. That should any shares to which any shareholder is entitled under the preceding resolution not be taken up by such shareholder or his nominee, the directors be and are hereby empowered to issue such shares to any other person at such premium as they may

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

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SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOMB.

MINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The ninth annual report reads:-Though it may surprise some, the question What do you exist for?" is often asked of those who, like ourselves, are responsible for the working of a Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Many who do not ask such a question have no clear idea of the work we are doing or of the necessity of such work. Perhaps the best way to answer this question is to write a report the work of the past year.

When sailors and soldiers come to Hongkong

for a term of service, if there were no such institu tion as our home, they would land at the por and remained friendless and homeless. It something to be friendless and homeless in our 4. That the sum of \$3,000 be allocated as own country, but it is worse in Hongkong. Temptations abound on every hand and even strong men find it no easy matter so to stees their course as to keep mind and body pure and good. We try to meet the needs of men who find themselves situated thus; in short we seek to provide them with an quivalent to of the estate was made during the year which a home. This is done by giving them a place where they can get bealthy refreshment, a bath and a bed, and by creating a social and religi ous centre where all that is pure and good may

be encouraged and strengthened. It will be seen from below that considerable success has attended our efforts . In this direction. The absence of the Fleet fo to many months during the past year has made a difference to our returns, the income showing a decrease of \$3,000 on the previous year. We are therefore glad to say that we have closed the year with a balance in hand, though it is only to the extent of \$16.3r. There is no need for further comment on the balance sheet, which speaks for itself. We would like Extensions .- During the year the directors to extend our best thanks to our friends for al have acquired either by purchase or direct the help we have received, and especially to the Whampoa Bethel Fund and the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. for their generous

> In spite of the longer absence of the Fleet nearly, to,000 men have slept in the Home during the year; although purely a temperance establishment no sailor or soldier is refused bed whatever state he may be in; and no partiality is shown. An illustration of the way the men appre-

ciate the Home is afforded by the action of the men of H.M.S. Monmouth shortly before their leaving for the Homeland. They asked if they could give a concert and make a col lection for the benefit of the Home. This was done and the money received out towards the cost of a new harmonium for the prayer room.

During the winter months a series of popular concerts was started. They soon "caught fire" and the large concert room was full week after week. The audience was almost entirely com posed of sailors and soldiers and the men of the Naval Dockyard and their wives. Friends all over the Colony have shown great willingness to help in these concerts and we extend our bearty thanks to them.

There is nothing the men like more than good ramble or launch, picnic. This takes them right away from the 'ordinary routine They are times of real good fellowship which man can appreciate so well when he is away from home. A great part of our work, and one

which we are increasingly successful. the temperance and religious work. We do not proselytise. No man who visits the Home is commandeered and pressed to go to a meet ing. All we want to do to the men when they come is to make them feel at home. We are glad to say that without any pressing the men come to our meetings in large numbers The success of the meetings depends almost entirely upon the men themselves, for they are chiefly responsible for the organisation of them and for the speaking.

THE RENOVATION SCHEME:

An important step has been taken during the past year. Hitherto the committee have not | C.M.G., Mesers, E. Shellim, F. Maitland, H. P. been able to do what they would have liked to the Home really attractive and comfortable. The reason is the one the reader will auticipate: lack of funds. The decrease in the number of Finance.—The directors have recommended of ships on the China station of late years has meant that we have had no surplus income. The committee decided to make up for of developing the portion of the present area. this lack by entering upon a great renovation scheme. The raising of funds has meant hard work, but has brought many compensations. especially in revealing the kindness of friends and the loyalty of the service men to the work of the Home. Lady Piggott quickly responded to our appeal in the local Press. We owe much to her and to the officers of the Army and Navy and their wives and other friends for splendid belo in organising and carrying through to success the garden (Ste, which was the means of raising \$1,736 for our fund. Later Tatshan which foundered in the neighbourhood on the Band of the 2nd Cameron Highlanders | of Swatow arrived by the s.s. Haiching from the gave us a concert which brought in \$359. Dr. Northern port this morning. Details of the mis-Voretrich was instrumental in getting \$220, hap are meagre. It appears that while making being the result of a collection made at the for Swatow from Hongay the s.s. Taishon struck instigation of Admiral Ingenohl on board the the Sul Rock on Tuesday morning at half-past German squadron in the Far East. Then at a six, in a dense fog. The position of the vessel barage organised by the Church at Wanchai from the very first appeared to be serious and and opened by Lady May \$1,100 was raised. when it seemed imminent that the vessel would We are greatly indebted, too, to the Service I founder the Chinese crew left in three boats. men for the way they have collected for the Two of the boats arrived safely at Swatow scheme. They have been our principal helpers | yesterday morning ; the third has not yet been. throughout. Altogether we have in hand at the I reported, but is believed to have been picked present moment \$4.800.

Most of this money has already been spent to Shanghai. on the Home. The sanitary arrangements have . As soon after the stranding of the Taishan been thoroughly overhauled and many of the as was considered expedient, the Captain sent rooms plastered. We are about to put enamel | one of his officers to tiwatow to obtain assist-

condition: seeing what had been accomplished.

AM APPEAL. When the Home was opened there was owing to the Army and Navy Board of the Wesleyan Methodist Church £700. We have not been able to pay much of this back and to day we owe them £635. This money has also remained at Swatow; he is suffering from The Captain's Cup was played for at the. been lent to us quite free of interest. Our repoyation scheme has been brought before this committee and they have belped us to the

extent of allowing us £200 off the debt. So, then, to complete the entire scheme we need £500. That is, £65 to complete the work of renovation and £435 to pay off the debt. As the money comes in it will be spent upon the work of renovation till that is finished. But we fully hope to be able to clear the debt off in addition.

and sea, too, are plain. To all who have the walfare of these men at heart we most parmestly appeal.

A MAN who trespassed in a house at Hunghom the other evening appeared in the Police Court Worship that the defendant on being captured and was up to his old tricks again. The man was awarded six months and one month, respectively, on the two counts and six hours'

CHINA SUGAR REFINING '00. LB.

AMNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-second ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ld., was held at the offices of the general agents, in the foreneon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report and statements of accounts for the year ending test December, 1900 The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided. There were also present :- Hon, Sir Paul Chater C.M.C., Messrs, F. Maitland, H. P. White, J. W. C. Bonnar (consulting committee), Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, Wong Laung Him, G. K Haxton, A. Rodger, A. Turner, S. H. Michael E. J. Grist, A. Danison, Choa Po Shing and

Barton (secretary). The Secretary having read the notice con-

vening the meeting, The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days you will doubtless agree to follow the usual course and take them as read. When addressing you at our last annual meeting mentioned that the prospects for the ensuing year appeared to be favourable, and from the accounts which are now presented for your aduption you will note that this forecast has been justified. The result is all the more satisfactory when you take into consideration that at no time of the year was the Bowrington Refinery working, and that the production at East Point was on the whole considerably below the capacity of that establishment You will gather, therefore, that our sales were in volume below the average of some previous 'years, but this was not due so much to a falling off in demand for refined article, but to the fact that, view of the rising markets everywhere, we deemed it expedient during the second half of the year to husband our stocks of raw sugar. The purchasing of our supplies of raw is, as you are aware, a source of continual anxiety. and in this particular instance we had expected to receive our usual quantity of low grade sugar from the Philippines, but in the matter of price there was a big difference between our idea and those of sellers, which made business prohibitive. Fortunately, however, we are not altogether dependent upon the Philippines for our supplies of this class of sugar which we are now obtaining Firom other sources. Turning to the accounts you will notice that we propose to pay a dividend of Sio per share absorbing \$200,000. carrying \$40,000 to repairs and renewals account and placing Siyo, ocoto credit of equalization of dividend fand. The experience of the past has amply demonstrated the expediency in good years of transferring large sums to this on competition becomes more severe I have no doubt you will approve of this policy being continued. The repairs and renewals account instituted in the year 1905 has proved exceedingly advantageous and as we have in view some improvements at East Point

fund, and in view of the fact that as time goes which should result in a considerable saying in working expenses I trust you will approve of the proposed application of \$40,000 to this fund as also of the bonus to the staff. A few words about the future will, no doubt, be appreciated. We have secured th

greater portion of this year's requirements of raw at prices which could not now be repeated The demand for refined is good and sales are showing a satisfactory margin of profit; if this continues the figures laid before you at the next annual meeting should be satisfactory. There is no forther information which it occurs to me to give, but I shall be pleased to answer any questions which you may desire to ask.

There were no questions. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. A. Turner seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously." Mr. E. J. Grist moved the re-election to the consulting committee of Hon. Sir Paul Chater White and J. W. C. Bonnar. Mr. G. K. Haxton seconded.

Messrs, W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors, on the motion of Mr. A. Denison seconded by Mr. A. Rodger.

The Chairman:—That is all the business. gentlemen. Thank you very much for you attendance. Owing to the Easter holidays dividend warrants will not be issued to-day. They will be ready on Toesday.

The meeting then ended. LOSS OF THE "TAISHAN."

ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS. The captain and officers of the ill-fated s.s.

up by a Northern boat and the crew taken on

baths and good porcelain wash-basins in the lance. The latter returned in a launch to layatories, and a roof to a part of the verandah | which all the European, officers transferred on the second floor, and to renew much of the as by this time it was "impossible to furniture that at present is in a dilapidated remain on board the wreck any longer with any degree of security to the officers. We are very glad to be able to report so The officers' belongings were safely transhipmuch progress in the matter of work done. It | ped to the launch and taken to Swatow. The was a real pleasure to hear the remarks of the Chinese crew left of their own accord. Those sallors when they returned from the North on | who arrived in safety at Swatow yesterday refused to be brought on to Hongkong by the Haiching, as they preferred to remain at that port until news can be received from their comrades who have not yet been reported from the third and only missing boat. Mr. Brown, chief engineer of the Taishon has

a touch of favor and will probably be well, en ough to proceed to Hongkong by the next Douglas steamer. The Taishan is a total wreck.

ATTACKED BY A CROCODILE

TRACEDY AT KEPONG.

Last Monday evening at about 5 o'clock two

coolies on the Kepong Estate Kwala Lumpur We do not want to multiply words over an were fishing in an abandoned mining hole a appeal. The need is plain. We think the short distance from the manager's bungalow. claims of the men who serve us so well on land | They had not been near, the pool long when a crocodile selzed one of the man by the legs. tunate man's knees and began dragging him

was no elea of its viction.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

ANNUÁL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the share holders at the thirty-seventh ordinary meeting to be held at the Society's offices at noon, on Wednesday, the 13th prox., is as follows :-The Board has now to lay before the shareholders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Society on the sist December, 1909, and a statement of accounts to the same date.

1908 Account.—After payment of the Interim dividend of \$30 per share and the bonus of 20. % to contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$779,520,00 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that this sum be ap-

propriated as follows:-A find dividend to shareholders of . \$10 per share on 12,400 shares...\$248,000,00 An addition to the reinsurance fund

of £10,000. O. o at exchange o be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the

account for the year 1908 420,215.6

roop Account.-The balance of working account on the 31st December, 1909, was \$2,552,

545.51 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$30 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$372,000, and that a bonus of 20 per cent, be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$250,000, and that the remainder be

Since the last general meeting Mr. H. A. W. Slade, Mr. W. Helms, Mr. E. G. Barrett and Mr.; C. S. Gubbay have resigned their seats and Mr. J. W. Bandow of Messrs. Melchers & Co., Mr. H. A. Slebs of Messrs. Siemssen & Mr. G. Balloch of Messrs. Gilman & Co., Mr. Fr. Lieb of Messrs. Arnbold, Karberg & Co., and Mr. G. H. Medhurst of Mosses, Dodwell & Co., Ld., have joined the Board. In accordance with clause 80 of the articles of association Mr. J. W. C. Bonuar and Mr. A

AUDITORS. Massrs, W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Low retire, but offer themselves for re-election. A. FORBES.

Forbes retire, but offer themselves for re-elec-

Chairman. Hongkong, 23rd March, 19to. To Capital 12,400 shares of \$250 each = \$3,100,000 upon which Stoo per share called and paid

пр...... \$1,240,000.00 To Reserve Fund,-Silver \$3,000,000.00 Sterling ... £90,000 - 1,001,739.13

4,001,739,13 To Unclaimed bonus and dividend 8.010.50 To Exchange fluctuation account To Investment fluctuation account To Working account 1908 balance 779,520,00 To Working account 1909 balance 2,552,545.51 lo Reinsurance

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By Cash on current account at Hongkong By Cash on deposit with Bank in Hongkong, Shangbai, Yokohama, Kobe and Singapore...... By Amount invested in mortgages.

debentures and other securities in Hougkong, Shanghai, Yokohama and Singapore...... 2,870,259.90 By Amount invested in London.

Deposited in Banks, £102,000; 0.0 Other investments ... 261,430,10.0 £363,430.10.0 4,045,139.

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WORKING ACCOUNT, 1908. On 31st December, 1909. To Nett premium 3,83 5,241.96 o Interest \$ 4,207,805.27

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By Head office, branches and agency charges, By Remuneration to directors. committees and claims paid Losses and claims paid,..... 2,317,112.40

By Bonus of 20% paid to contributors, By Interim dividend of \$30 per By Balance,

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1909. On 31st December, 1909. To Nett premlum .. To Interest

Head office, branches and agency charges Remuneration to directors. committees and auditors.....

The reptile got a secure hold above the unfor- THE Osaka Jiji reports that orders have been the existence of any official Japanese prosecuplaced with the Mitsu Bishi, and Kawasaki I tion in the case, while the Taotai, on his side. under water. The other coolie caught hold of Dockyards for the construction of a tug and officially stated that the prosecution had been bis friend and attempted to pull him out, but an ice-breaker, to be completed within eight I lustituted at the request and in the interests of the crocodile drew both men into the water. months, for use in the harbour at Dairen, The the Japanese authorities. It is also significant on Monday morning. The Police informed his The uninjured man then scrambled out and South Manchuria Railway Company; gives the of the present condition of affairs that in alran to call the manager, Mr. W. D. Frascr. Mr. orders. In addition, the Company has order- most avery one of the provincial assemblies the was found to have returned from banishment Fraser took his gun and proceeded as fast as od five lighters, 100 tons capacity, and five, subject of newspapers under official ownership and tricks again. The man possible to the scene of the tragedy. When he with 250 tons capacity, from a Shanghai firm, of control was discussed, and that the stragedy. got there, he caught a glimpse of a crocodile's the Mitsui Bussan Kalsha acting as interme- protests were not head disappearing under the water, but there dieries. The lighters are to be completed in of Government

OPIUM-SMORERS AREBSTED FINES AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Over forty Chinese appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifar; First Police Magistrate; in the Police Court this afternoon in connection with a raid which was carried out last evening by Detective-Sergeant Geo. Walt and a party of detectives at No. 42, Gare Street The first two defendants were charged with keeping an oplum-divan at the above-named place and the remainder were charged with smoking the drug. Detective Watt told his Worship that shortly after seven o'clock last night he went to No. 43, Gage Street with a party of detectives and in one of the rooms saw the first defendant seated at a table with the others gathered round him. Most of the men were smoking opium and a number of oplum utensils was found on the premises. The room was fitted with wooden beaches on which all the defendants sat huddled together. According to sanitary regulations, permission was allowed to accommodate seven persons

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 on the first defendant, Sic on the second defendant and \$3 each in respect of the remainder. The opium implements were ordered to be confis-

PERNACULAR PRESS OF CHINA remarkable statements by the "times" ... CORRESPONDENT.

Under date January 21st the Times correspondent at Shanghai contributes the following interesting and informing letter --- "

"In forecasting China's future progress along the path of reform, it has been the custom of competent observers, and quite justly so, to place the native Press in the front rank of renovating agents. There is no doubt that the protection afforded to the Press in the Foreign Settlements of Shanghal has been a very considerable factor in the development of

progressive public opinion for the past 20 years. "No compatent observer of the march of events can have failed to realise, especially at Peking, the marked changes which have impressed themselves upon the Government of the country as the result of the expression and pressure of that opinion. However tainted at times by the tendencies of the babu, however uneducated and crude, the journalists of China have done good work for their countrymen as educators of the public in many new directions, and it is, therefore, a matter of no small concern to the state that the Press should continue of liberty, and that its utterances should be those of enlightened and patriotic men. PRESE CAPTURED BY OFFICIALDOM.

"A remarkable chappe has come over the Chinese vernacular Press during the past year. Concisely stated, the change which has overtaken the native Press. is that it has passed under the control of the Chinese official. At the present moment there is hardly a newspaper worthy of the name in China which is not eward or subsidised by the Mandarins, and the result is that the outspoken criticism of two years ago is generally replaced by a spirit of comfortable acquiescence in the established order of things. This change, slowly and secretly brought about by methods which testify to a considerable amount of intelligent organisation in the official class, would not have been so readily possible were it not for the arbitrary postal and registration regulations introduced I under the authority of the Central Government: It is significant of the spirit in which the Imperial Maritime Customs Administration now works under the Shul Wu Chu that these postal and Press regulations have come into effect without attracting protest or notice so far as the public is aware. It is clear that; where official registration of a newspaper is required before postal facilities are given the existence of any journal in Ohinese hands can be made to depend on its attitude towards the officials: and even where a nominal foreign ownership is introduced, for the purpose of protecting a newspaper from injustice of oppression, experience has shown that the Chinese editors and staff can be, and are, exposed to sprious difficulties and dangers. In these circumstances, it is not surprising to find that newspapers which formerly stood for criticism independent of the official class, and which were inspired by a sincere conviction of their country's needs, have now passed into the control of officials. In Shanghai, for lustance, a list of the owners of the leading newspapers. include the Shanghai Taotai, the Governor of Manchuria, the Viceroys of Chibli and Klangsu, and a certain high official interested in the sale of anti-opium pills: The Shanghai. Taotai, in his own capacity and as representing the Viceroy of Nanking, is interested in four newspapers. It is a significant fact in connection with this form of official journalism that these newspapers continue to be registered. in the names of foreigners for purposes of protection, a state of affairs which would appear to suggest the same kind of precaution

THE JAPANESE AND THE "MIN HEU PAO." "Some idea of the nature of the change which has taken place and of its effect on the development of public opinion may be obtained from the recent case of the Min Hsu Pao, a case which has attained notoriety throughout the country, and is still attracting attention in Peking. The Min Hau Pao was the last surviving newspaper 470,841,36 I of the independent school published in the Shanghal Settlements, It had been refused registration and post office facilities by the Shanghal Taotai, but continued nevertheless to enjoy a considerable reputation and to exercise no little influence locally. Its editorial staff were of the "Young China" class, and their criticisms of the Government's policy in · anchuris had, for some time been paremitting and scathing. When, therefore, the Japanese Consular authorities at Shanghal drew the attention of the Taotai to the fact that this paper was publishing articles bostile to Japanese Interests, it was not surprising to those who were in the secret of the Chinese official Press organisation, to find him readily assent-...St.330.500.51 ing to the suppression of the Min Hou Pao with 445,305.65 g view to the maintenance of harmonious relations between China and Japan. The news-\$4,775,715.16 paper was made to suffer, not on account of its expression of political opinions, but because By Agency commissions 101,684.26 | of its independent attitude in Chinese affairs. and because of its frequent and plainspoken 436.446.37 attacks upon Chinase officials. The journal was summarily suppressed after and informs 29,205:35 al sitting of the Mixed Court, Irregularly Losses and claims paid 1,665,833.07. | constituted and without any evidence what-Balance 2,553,545.51 scever being given against the defendants. It is significant of the manner in which such \$4,775,715.16 things are done that the English lawyer retain-Japanese Consul-General a written denial of

that high Chinese officials take when they re-

foreign lawyers.

gister their landed property in the names of

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THE V. R. C. Sports will take place on the agrd of April. THE English Mail of the 19th February has

been delivered in London. PRINCE Teal Haun draws a salary of Tis. 2,000, and Admiral Sah Tis. 1,200 as Navy Commissioners.

Six weeks' hard labour was awarded a man at the Magistracy on Wednesday morning for snatching \$20 in the public street.

CORPL. H. A. Seth of No. & Co., Hongkong Volunteers, is permitted to resign with effect from the 7th January.

GUNNER A. H. Young of No. 1 Co., Hongkong Volunteers, is premitted to resign with effect from the 8th March.

GUNNER J. D. Campbell of the Volunteers, having left the Colony without leave, is struck off the strength of the Corps.

STORMS are reported from the Chiba prefecture, Eastern Japan. Several bundred fiebermen are believed to have been drowned.

IT is proposed to hold a billiard tournament at Volunteer ' Headquarters.' Members met 'on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the proposal,

SERGT. F. A. Biden of the Volunteer Corps has been granted leave of absence for twelve months with effect from the 18th March.

THE Waiwupu and the Army Advisory Council have decided that the press should be forbidden to publish any international or military

tary's!" Cup by the Volunteers will take place !

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased IT is evident that the authorities are determine to recognise Vice-Consul Markwald as being to put down the crime of armed rubbery. in charge of the German Consulate at Hong. the Criminal Sessions on Monday morning, kong during the absence on leave of Dr. E. A.

THE silk ex s.s. Tourane which left this port on THE Anti-Opium Commissioners have discus the 15th February was delivered in Lyons on ed the organization of a detective corps f the 2:st instant. The delay was caused by oplum prohibition in the different provinces, the floods in France.

THE Bingkok Daily Mail says:- The rates for passage to Chinese ports are one dollar per coolie by the 74. D. L. steamers and six dollars' per coolie by the C. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

H. M. surveying vessel Merlin and the cruiser Astrica were docked at the Admiralty Dock for the usual overhaul on Wednesday. The torpedo destroyer Handy was docked at Kowloon.

THE case in which S. E. Allana is charging S. A" Marican with alleged conspiracy in an as- and a quantity of jewellery. Some good b suplt case again came on in the Police Court | gains were made. on Wednesday and was formally remanded for two weeks.

A SCHEME is on foot for the erection of a bronze statue in honour of the late Prince Ito promoted lieutenant-colonel commanding the at Kanazawa, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan. The statue will probably be eracted in the precincts of the Shonuyoji temple.

THE House of Representatives has passed the Foreign Land Ownership Bill as amended by the Selyukai, by which ownership is restricted to foreigners residing in Japan and to properly legalized persons approved by the Home Minister

THE House of Peers has recrived the Tarif Bill as originally proposed by the Government. opposing the amendments insisted upon by the Selyukai which, inter aliz, provided for enhanced duties on cereals. A joint conference will, in consequence, take place.

ent from America has designed a new man-of- division of special service vessels attached war and submitted it through the Ministry of Devenport, in succession to Captain M. Woo War to the Navy Menns and Ways Depart- | combe, with effect from April 1. ment. Prince Tsai Hsun was greatly pleased and on the same day granted the designer an THE man who was charged with committing audience.

THE s.s. Taishan, with a cargo of coal from Hongay to Swatow has foundered somewhere in the Lammock Islands and is reported to be committing an armed robbery at Lai-chi-ke a total wreck. The Davish salvage steamer Protector left Hongkong for the scene of the disaster on Wednesday, morning,

A BANGKOK contemporary learns that the Chipo-Siamese Steam Navigation Co. intend to extend the scope of their business. In the near future they will have two steamers in the Hoihow-Singapore-Bangkok run. Hitherto their steamers were only used in the China-Bangkok run.

THE figures compiled for the year just 'passed show the Philippine Islands to have produced 1,658,724 piculs of copra, thus making the is- especially mark the occasion those present lands the largest single producer of this staple | the meeting, at the invitation of Mr. A. In the world, excelling in production either Devison, drapk, in champagne, the health Java, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon or the the rubber enterprise in general and the Ceyl South Sea Islands.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th this morning in receipt of a wireless messa March, 1010 :-

L	ibrary	Museum.	
lon-Chinese	517	314	
hinese	249 "	3,349	
Total	766	3,663	

THERE were a number of prosecutions by the Sanitary Department at the Magistracy on JUDGMENT has been delivered by the Cou Wednesday. Inspector Allen prosecuted the of Cassation in Tokyo in the case Charter lessee of a public latrine for not keeping the Bank of India, Australia and China v. Kay convenience in a clean condition after repeated warnings, and a fine of Sto was imposed. A Chinese landlord was fined \$5 in respect of the Kobe Court in favour of the Churtered Ba each of three summonses for failing to white- for Yto,000 and interest, which was upheld wash certain premises belonging to him.

AT a general meeting of the International Press Association of Japan, at Tokio, a body A SECOND case of opium smoking has be that includes representatives of European and | decided against Jose Claro of Iloilo, who American papers, a unanimous resolution was pealed from the decision of the court of i passed to the effect that, in view of the persis- Instance of Iloilo sentencing him to pay a tent rumour abroad in regard to the warlike of P2,000 for a second offence of infraction attitude of Japan, the journalists of Japan are the opium law. The appeal was heard bef totally unable to discover any basis in actions the Supreme Court at Manila which has

WE (Brittsh North Borneo Herald) are officially informed that instructions have been received LAST week, by the courtesy of Mr. Row from England to proceed with the opening of who is acting as manager during the abse a new rubber estate near Lingkongan, on the of Mr. J. Bruce, we had the opportunity Reaufort-Weston line. Work on the estates at | visiting Sekong Estate. Our last visit the Tawao on the East Coast, and Mawao on the Jesselton-Beaufort line is also to be proceeded the first rubber tree. The improvement in with as rapidly as possible. We trust that estate since then must be seen to be believed. this portends the formation of several new Several good roads and bridges have b

On Tuesday night, Detective-Sergeant M. several bungalows have been erected. O'Sullivan and a party of Chinese raided the the manager's bungalow a view is obtain Barvants' quarters at Fedder's Hill and arrested | over acres and acres of subber trees all le nine men who were discovered gambling on the ing and, apparently, all doing wall. We we premises. This forenoon, the leading spirit shown the whole process of the treatment was fined \$30 for conducting a common gamble the rubber from the time that the latex is ing house, seven were fined \$4. each while the lected until the sheets are ready for shipm remaining defendant was discharged. We up. The general condition of the estate and derstand that one man while trying to effect fact that the subber shipped therefrom he broke his log and is a present confined in hose greatest credit upon the management. -B. N.

THE German Mail of the 23rd February has been delivered in London.

PRINCE Tsai Hsiin, Navy Commissioner, is THE final shoot for the "Russell," and "Secre- tends to ask Imperial permission to order Cheng Kuang-pi and Lin Pan-lin to investigat at King's Park Range at 9.30 a.m. on the 27th | the condition and management of the dockyar in Foochow.

I CAPTAIN G. O. A. Marescaux, who recen neturned home from the Chips Station, who be commanded the county civiser Kent, h A CHINESE telegram says that a Chinese stud- | been appointed to the command of the cruis

or sentiments warranting disquieting speeches. | cided that in view of the repetition of offence the penalty was not too high a one.

made, an 'excellent hospital, apothecary's clerk's quarters, estate offices and shop porhis escape through a window fell down and always realised top market prices, reflects the

	THE Waiwupu was to give a hanquet to the Diplomatic Budy in Peking on Sunday.	Supplied by Messrs, R.	3. KADOO	RIB & Co	. Corre	cted to noon ; la	ter alterations giv	ren under "Commercial Intelligence," page	5-9/2 Lo	
	A LARGE tiger was recently caught in a trap in Kuantan, but only lived a low days in captivity.	STOCKS.	NO. OF	VAJ.UE.	PAID UP.		AT WORKING	LAST DIVIDEND.	PRESENT PRESENT PRESENT QUOTATION	DMIEOLD SMOITATOUS
121	THE s.s. Cleveland, with Clark's touring party on board, left Hongkong for Manila on 18th	BANKS,		1		RESERVE.	ACCOUNT		PERSON LAST VEAR'S DEV.	
· I	HAPPY Retreat " was entered by burglars on	Hongkong & ShanghailBanking Corporation	120,000	5 125	Srag	\$1,500,000 \$15,100,000 \$250,000	\$2,001,819	£2.5/- for helf year ending 31.12.09 @ ex}		{\$955 buyers London £89:
t]	Saturday night and a quantity of cutlery was	National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	1.7	76	\$4,009 \$1.0,000 j	\$30,552	\$2 (London 2/6) for 1903	040	- S76 bayers
, [THE Canton Merchants Guild, Singapore, and the "Woo Loo" Glub, Singapore, have been registered under the Societies Ordinance.	Oanton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,560,000) \$154,583	none	\$10 for t908		Si7o buyers
2	BARON TAKAHIRA, formerly Ambassador at Washington, bas been appointed to accom-	n			, d	\$302,79 ;} \$135,000 ; Tis, 225,000 (The entree			
	A NATIVE was awarded one month's hard	North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15 %	£5	Tls. 335,253 { Tls. 146,586 } \$3,000,000 }	Tis. 407,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908		Tis, 115 buyers
	abour and six hours' stocks in the Police Court on Saturday morning for stealing some cloth- ing.	Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	, 12,400	\$250	\$100	£192,148 £105,249	\$9,464,90X	Final of Sty making \$47 for 1907 and } interim of \$30 less to	5 1 Z	Spro sellers
	A CHINESE woman residing at 152, 'Queen's Roul West was fixed \$370 at the Magistracy	Yangtere Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$ 60	\$682,609 \$1,000,000 \$294,405}	\$707,627	Siz and bonus S3 tor Y;	7 %	\$230 buyers
e	on Saturday morning for being in unlawful possession of a quantity of opium. V/R have received from Mr. A Fong a fine	FIRE I STUDENCES.	0	Sioo	\$20	\$199,264 J \$1,000,000)	\$375,84x			
	series of three photographs of the stone-laying ceremony of the Hongkong University on Wednesday last.	China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	70,000 8,000	\$250	550	\$438,668 \$138,802 \$1,438,173	3168,711	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907\$27 for 1907		\$337 sales
	PRINCE Tsai Hsiin, Navy Commissioner, in-	SHIPPING.	30,000	Sas	\$25		\$2,015		18 CF	Sy sellors
1	Cheng Kuang-pi and Lin Pan-lin to investigate the condition and management of the dockyard in Fnochow.	China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	S 50	\$50	\$230,000 } \$230,000 } \$100, B) }	NIL	Si for 1906		S31 sellors
RI	to put down the crime of armed rubbery. At	Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	80,000	Sis	515	\$150,000 \$517,500 \$103,545 \$19,100	\$20,766	Final of St for account 1910	8 %	Sgot sales
. I	the Criminal Sessions on Monday morning, a number of heavy sentences were inflicted on certain perpetrators of these nutrages.	Do. Do. (Deferred)	60,000	£s	£s	£10,000 £40,000 £720,000	£13,755	\$6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ } 8 ax 1/9 11/16=\$3. 154 \$ 3rd in. of 2/- per sh. (coup., No. 12) making }		\$65 buyers
n i	THE Anti-Opium Commissioners have discussed the organization of a detective corps for	"Stor" Form Company Limited	2,000,000 10,000	Sto Sto	\$10 \$5	\$65,000 \$65,000 \$48,983	£63,817 53, 121	in all 4/- for '08 & interim of 1/- for ac. 'og f		\$25 s. & sa. \$142 sollers
<u>, </u>	oplum prohibition in the different provinces, to supplement the efforts of the local officials in the direction.	Refineries.	1	\$100	7.				6	0.50
S	THE total output of the Chine's Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 5th March, 1910, amounted to	China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	_sr	\$100 _\$100	\$56,848 }	Dr. \$5,858 Dr. \$135,803	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08		5173 sa, and b. S29 sellers
[22,749.28 tons and the sales during the period to 25,232.32 tons.	Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000		Tis. 50	Tis. 100,000	Tis. 6 ; 02	Tis, to for year ending 31.8.09	• • • • •	Tis. 850 sales
- 1	Hough on the compound of the Ceptral Police	Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld Headwaters Mining Company	2 2	1	Ps. 2	{		Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	. 7 %	Tis. 18} Ps. 10 buyers
į.	and a quantity of jewellery. Some good bar gains were made.	Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited [Docks, Wharves & Godowns.	150,000 50,000	, I	18/10 £.1	£4 378	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents	•••	Sol buyers
- 1	MAJOR A. A. Chichester, D.S.O., Dorsetshire Regiment, who was serving on the staff at Hongkong a short time ago, has just been	Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$42,936	Dr. \$7,422	S1.75 for your onding 31,12,06		\$to
P.	promoted lieutenant-colonel commanding the est Battalion of his regiment at Plymouth.	Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld	60,000	\$55	S50.	\$550,000	Syn _i rox	None	• •••	Sool ax div. s.
e	ORDERS for motor-boats on Siamese waterways are now becoming quite brisk. Every Eugineering Dock in Bangkok is well occupied	Shanghal Dock and Engineering Co., Ld		4	\$50 Tis 100	\$88,442 \$88,442	Se37,765			559 sollers Tis. 82 buyors
id Iy	with orders, and the outlook is highly encouraging for engineering industry in all its branches.	Shanghal and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited		TIS. 1 0		Tis. 697,257	Th 0-0			Tla, 115
ic	INSPECTOR Brown, of the Registrar-General's Department, received a hearty send-off from the local district watchmen on Saturday night on the occasion of his departure for home. A				to to	Tis, 125,000				
ita ne n-	large quantity of fire-crackers was let off during the proceedings.	Central Stores, Limited	50,123	Tis. 1 . \$15	Tis. 100 \$15	. \$z,000	- az4/041	Tis. 6 for year ending 29.2.09"	B. 17 ***	Tis. 102 sallers \$16 buyers \$510 sales
ce	CAPTAIN G. O. A. Marescaux, who recently returned home from the China Station, where he commanded the county civiser Kent, has	Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	8,000 50,000	1	\$25 \$25 \$1	\$648,975 \$14,088 \$20 1000	S27,9/1	interim of 38 for account 1909	61.2	\$ sot sellers
if- of	been appointed to the command of the cruiser division of special service vessels attached to the vanport, in succession to Captain M. Wool-	Trumputeys materia in Primarico company, minima			230 210	225,045 25,856		1 Pal formación	5 %	\$28 buyers
rt- ed an	THE man who was charged with committing an armed robbery at Luchiel Torrace, Kowlson,	Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited West Point Building Company, Limited			Tis, 50 S50	{ Tis. 1,525,045 } Tis. 500,000		Wind of the St. Con anguing them		Tis. 106 s. S421 seliers
m re	last month, pleaded guilty to the charge at the Criminal Sessions on Monday morning and was sentenced to three years' hard labour For	COTTON MILLS.				1.0 2.0			81 7	Tis, 129 sales
be er he	committing an armed robbery at Lai-chi-kok, another man was given seven years.	Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dysing) Company, Limited	125 000	Tis. 50	Tis. 5.	Tis, aco.c >>> Tis, 40,098	Socre	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	***	561 buyers
he	THE Shantung Government has forwarded to the Government at Peking-a German offer to provide free education in the German language	International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld., Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld	10,000 8,000	Tis. 75	Tis, ra	Tis, 175,000	Tis, 4,829	Tis. 6 lar 1969		Tis. 66 sellers Tis. 75 sellers Tis. 380
he he	to Shanthug scholars. China, apparently fearing an educational monopoly, has refused the offer and has reprimanded the Provincial Goygra-	Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tis. 50	TIS. 5.0	Tis. 31,172	Tis, 15,911	Tis. 50 for 1900		
19-	ment for sending it for consideration. THE first 100 per cent. rubber dividend for	Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	. 60,000	Siz	12/6	£2,500 \$40,000	£648 Nil.		10 %	\$10. \$9\$ ex div. b.
ed	Ceylon was declared on Feb. 28 by the Ceylon Planters' Rubber Syndicate, Limited, and to especially mark the occasion those present at	Do, Do, special shares	50,000 50,000 125,000	Sij	21 } 21 }	\$100,000	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	On marke fun to a		\$6 sales \$82 sales
le	the meeting, at the invitation of Mr. A. J. Denison, drank, in champagee, the health of the rubber enterprise in general and the Ceylon	Dalry Farm Company, Limited	400 000		Sto	\$13,000	\$1,89	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	10 %	\$18 buyers \$6‡ ex div.
iry	Planters' Rubber Syndicate in particular. THE Yokohama agency of the C. P. R. Co. is	H. Price & Company, Limited	12 000	\$10	\$10	(\$5,000 none	\$670 \$5195	Stand harmon on the formanding and	8 %	Sta Szoj sales
oth.	this morning in receipt of a wireless message from the R. M. S. Empress of China stating that all was well, and that the commander hoped to reach Yokobama on the morning of	Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld,	5,000		\$25 \$10	\$150,000	\$7616 \$8790	Final of \$8 for 1909 Final of \$1 making in all \$2 for 1909	- 1 1 7 T	Si65 ax div. Saig sellers
	the 25th instant. The message was despatched when the ship was 1549 miles from Japan. The Empress of China left Vancouver on the 11th	Peak Tramways Company, Limited	Majoon	Sio	Gs. 100	Tis. 547,500 Tis. 63,924	Tis. 316,682 \$4,204	4th interim of Tis. 721 for 1909	6 %	Tis. 1,600 S14 b. and sa.
he on	IUDGUENT has been delivered by the Cour	Shanchai-Sametra Tobacca Company Limited	75,000	\$10	\$20	none	Ps. 18,640	None	• •••	\$10 buyers
he	Bank of India, Australia and China y, Kawa saki Gioko dismissing the appeal of the de-	South China Morning Post, Limited	10000	Tis. 20	Tis. 20	Tis, 14,810				Tis, 350 buyers
of	the Kobe Court in favour of the Churtered Basis for Yto.ooo and interest, which was upheld by	The state of the s	20,000	\$25	\$5 \$10	none	\$63 \$172	Ao cents for year ending 31,12,08	D X	A M. harrier
nel	the Osaka Appeal Court, therefore, stands and the case is now finally concluded.	Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	. 20,000	Sto	Sto	\$46,000 \$300,000	\$342 \$2,613	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.0	9 61%	Stat sellers Sy sellers
nd 785	A SECOND case of opium smoking has been decided against Jose Claro of Iloilo, who appealed from the decision of the court of firs	William Powell, Limited			57	none				53
iko ave	Instance of Iloilo sentencing him to pay a fine of P2,000 for a second offence of infraction of the opium law. The appeal was heard before		v · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
	the Supreme Court at Manila which has de cided that in view of the repetition of the effence the penalty was not too high a one.		.0							
ved of	LAST week, by the courtesy of Mr. Rowley who is acting as manager during the absence of Mr. J. Bruce, we had the opportunity of	c .			· V					
the	visiting Sekong Estate. Our last visit ther was in 1905 when H.E. the Gavernor tapped the first rubber tree. The improvement in the	d		¥						
	Several good roads and bridges have bee made, an excellent hospital, apothecary's an	i. n d	4. S		, V					
	clerk's quarters, estate offices and shop an several bungalows have been erected. From the manager's bungalow a view is obtained	d m								
the piri	over acres and acres of rubber trees all look ing and, apparently, all doing wall. We went t shown the whole process of the treatment	te ro of								
nbl th	the rubber from the time that the latex is co lected until the sheets are ready for shipmen. The general condition of the estate and the	l. 10								
	t fact that the subber shipped therefrom he always realized top market prices, reflects the				un vente.				ta est 355.6	